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Foundation Stage Topic Web – Summer 2 – 2021

Minibeasts





Memorable experience – Ugly Bug Ball

Our work will be based around Minibeasts and the wonderful stories, What the Ladybird Heard, Superworm, and The Very Hungry Caterpillar.

	What we will be covering in class	Supporting your child's learning at home.	
Engage	We will begin with a bug hunt in the Nature Area, finding and identifying different minibeasts. We will play a guessing game, developing our descriptive language by giving clues so that others can guess our bug.	 Help your children to research some bugs on the internet or at the library. Look for mini beasts in your garden and develop your child's vocabulary by encouraging them to describe how the creature moves, what it looks like etc. Line toys up in twos and help your child to count in twos up to 10 / 20 Look for teen numbers in the environment and help your child to form the digits correctly Please continue to support your child by reading and practicing sounds and words. It makes a significant difference to children's reading if they read at least 3 times a week at home. 	
Develop	We will find out about why bugs have specific characteristics, such as why do ladybirds have spots? What is camouflage?		
Innov	We will create our own representations of bugs by painting on stones.		
Express	The children will make a bug costume at home out of recycled materials. They will wear their costume to school and we will have an Ugly Bug Ball!		

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Mathematical Development	We will be using mini beasts to explore mathematical concepts and solve calculation problems We will look at symmetry and create symmetrical patterns We will be counting in twos, fives and tens We will be counting up to 20 objects and will be reading, ordering and using numbers to 20 We will do some data handling, recording bugs on a graph and making comparisons
Communication and language	We will be developing the children's descriptive and creative language. We are using some lovely imaginative stories with repeated refrains and good stor plots. We will draw story maps to retell the stories, developing our narrative language.
Literacy	We will be supporting the children to develop their story telling skills, using story maps and changing parts of the stories to write their own versions. We will give the children opportunities to write at length and develop their stories further. We will write a book review of Superworm, identifying our favourite parts of the story and giving reasons why. We will also look at rhyming words We will look at the differences between fiction and non fiction books about bugs.
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	We will be talking about how we look after ourselves and our bodies. We will also discuss changes in preparation for moving to Year 1
Physical Development	We will continue with our Shake up wake up! physical exercises which focus on posture and stamina, developing the strength and control in their shoulder, arm and finger muscles. We will be continuing to enjoy Dough Disco! In PE we will be enjoying Games

Understanding the World	We will be exploring the world of Minibeasts, finding and observing them. We will look particularly closely at snails and worms, using information books and observational skills. We will also be able to observe the changes in our tadpoles, and we hope to see them grow into froglets.
Expressive arts and design	The children will be encouraged to develop their own ideas and express them creatively in any form they wish – resources are always available for them to use. We will copy the work of another artist this half term – Matisse and his snail collage The children will have some homework to create an 'Ugly Bug' costume made from recycled materials
Key Date	s: Jy 2nd - Ugly Bug Ball