

Literacy

- Writing our own minibeast stories.
- Writing non-fiction books about our favourite insects.
- Accurately using capital letters and full stops.
- Writing questions
- Retelling well known stories.
- Labelling pictures.
- Learning about the author Eric Carle.

Communication and Language

- Asking questions.
- Using the past tense accurately.
- Developing vocabulary and imagination through our garden centre and minibeast role play areas.

Mathematics

- Counting to 20 and beyond.
- Building and continuing pattern to 20 and beyond
- Addition and subtraction.
- 1 more than, 1 less than a given number.
- Selecting, rotating and manipulating shapes.
- Explaining shape arrangements.
- Exploring, sharing and grouping numbers.
- Odd and even sharing. Play with and build doubles.

Expressive Arts and Design

- Creating symmetrical pictures
- Learning minibeast songs and dances
- Using collage to create pictures in the style of Eric Carle.
- Using the instruments - learning to keep a steady beat.
- Learning to sew.
- Modroc to make large 3D bugs.

Summer 1 2026



Minibeasts

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- Sustaining focus and concentration at chosen and adult led activities, developing our growth mindset.
- Understand the importance of good practice for exercise, sleeping, eating and keeping clean, with a particular focus on teeth.
- Understanding how our actions can affect others and resolving conflict.
- Knowing that some people might need other equipment to help them; hearing aids, wheel chairs.
- Exploring our own feelings and getting ready for younger siblings.
- Caring for minibeasts.

Physical Development

- Games skills - throwing and catching.
- Sewing and weaving skills.
- Country dancing (Mayday)
- Letter / number formations - regular handwriting practise.

ICT

- Programming toys- Following and creating instructions
- Beebots- Investigating how the Beebots move

Knowledge of the World

- Seasonal changes in Summer.
- Life cycle of frogs and butterflies.
- Using the internet to research / Using Word.
- Observing caterpillars and tadpoles, growth and change.
- Building minibeast houses using natural materials.
- Planting seeds and bulbs.
- Stories from different religions; Buddhism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism and Sikhism.

Story books

- The Very Hungry Caterpillar
- The Bad Tempered Ladybird
- What the Ladybird heard.
- Superworm
- Anansi the Spider.