

Expressive Arts & Design

Children will make their own spiders and spider webs. We will even create our own symmetrical butterfly paintings by folding paper in half and even make our very own wings to wear outside along with our mini beast costumes, where we can dance and move to music at our "Ugly Bug Ball". There will be many opportunities to create bugs from playdough, pipe cleaners and other resources in the malleable and workshop areas. Using the natural resources found in the nursery garden we will create our very own bug hotel for our minibeasts to live in. In our music sessions, we will learn and enjoy new songs about mini beasts as well as enjoying old familiar ones.



Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will share stories, knowledge and experiences that we have had about mini beasts. We will talk about bug collecting and what is our favourite bug and why? Is there any bugs that we are scared of and why? We will talk about bug collecting and how we have to be gentle and kind. We must look after them and then let them go unharmed. We will read 'The bad tempered ladybird' and ask why the ladybird was so cross? What makes our parents or friends cross?



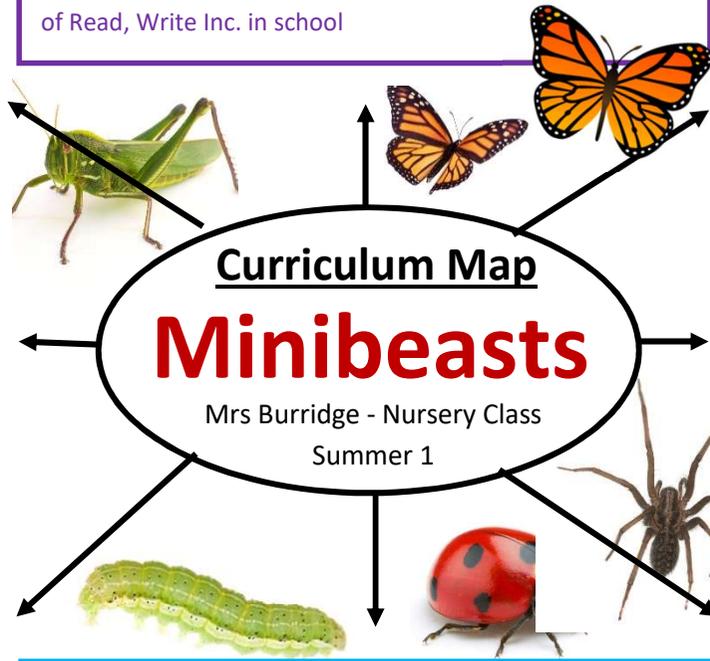
Physical Development

Children will continue our weekly PE sessions in the hall. As part of our new topic, we will move around like mini beasts, we will wiggle like worms, flap like a butterfly and buzz around like a bee. We will talk about how snails move and leave a silver trail behind them; making our own trail with a wet brush outside. We will be going on a bug hunt in our garden to see what we can find. We will even do some mini beast hot and cold cooking. We will practise our climbing skills on our own climbing frame, learning how to manoeuvre and land safely - we will move like minibeasts in and out of the bars.



Literacy

Children will have access to a variety of books to read: fiction and non-fiction and mark-making opportunities across the all of the different areas our Nursery both inside and outside. Children will start to learn that books have characters and look at the structure of a book; we will have images from stories and the children will be able to use these to sequence and retell the story. Children will continue to have daily phonics sessions focusing on voice sounds. A small group will continue their phonics sessions of Read, Write Inc. in school



Mathematics

This half term our focus is on patterns around us. We will copy and continue a repeated pattern and create our own patterns. We will practice counting actions such as jumps, claps and steps. When we are bug hunting, we will practice making marks or symbols to represent or make a tally of how many we have found. We will count the number of spots on a ladybird and find the digit to match the amount. We will use dice and try to say what we have rolled without counting the spots. We will keep practicing positional language when we talk about where we found the bugs and showing we understand it when given instructions of where to find a certain bug.

Religious Education

In RE we will learn about Good News. We will learn that everyone has good news to tell when we look at the story 'The Little Egg'. We will learn that Pentecost is the time when Jesus sends the Holy Spirit and a time for the joy and happiness the Good News of Jesus brings. We will also find out about St George and who he was and learn about friends. We will learn that we were "Created to Live in Community"



Communication & Language

We will clap out the syllables of insect names and even try to clap our own name too – counting each one. We will share stories, knowledge and experiences that we have about minibeasts. What is our favourite bug and why? Is there a bug that we do not like? Scared of? Why? We will try to describe the minibeasts, fast, slow, tickly, slimy, long, short, hard, soft.

New language this topic includes: Compost, insect, minibeasts, symmetry, worm casts, chrysalis

Understanding of the World

We will use our lovely natural resources to build different bug hotels in different places around the outside area, using magnifying glasses to see who takes up home there. When found we will be talking about their colour, how many legs they have, do they have wings? We will even check our growing patches to see if any minibeasts have been there – looking for nibble marks, baby bugs, snail trails, worm casts. We will learn about the life cycles as well as looking at what bugs eat. We will have our own butterfly garden and will have our own Painted Lady caterpillars that we will watch grow and change and eventually turn into beautiful butterflies. Having the opportunity to see the full life cycle of a butterfly will be amazing and exciting.

