

Communication, Language & Literacy

- Role play – ‘The very hungry caterpillar’, ‘the bad tempered ladybird’, etc.
- Naming mini beasts and plants, learning related vocabulary
- Songs about mini beasts e.g Incy Wincy spider
- Making booklets – Who lives here? lift the flaps, information books about insects
- Posters for mini-beast hunting

Books

The very hungry caterpillar
The Very Busy Spider
The Bad Tempered Ladybird
Non-fiction books
Miss Muffet
The incredible growing plant
Two frogs

Mathematical Development

- How many insects can you find?
- Sorting mini beasts & insects into groups e.g. how many legs?
- Sorting out by size and species
- Measuring insects
- Symmetry of insects & flowers
- Problem solving – arranging insects on 2 leaves
- Counting using flowers and their petals
- Making flowers using shapes

Physical Development

- Moving like mini beasts, e.g. jumping and crawling
- Junk modelling to make mini beasts
- Healthy eating
- Helping with dressing up, e.g. zipping up their coats
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Mini-beasts & Plants
Summer 1

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- Looking after mini beasts & plants
- Show care and concern for animals and the environment
- Feelings about insects e.g. fear of spiders
- Circle time talking about living things and how to protect them
- Sharing our feelings about making efforts to grow up a flower/tree

Understanding of the World

- Life cycles of butterflies, frogs and plants
- Where mini beasts live - habitats
- Identifying changes from the beginning until the end of a flower/plant
- Minibeast hunts
- Looking at similarities and differences of mini-beasts
- Using internet to find out more about mini beasts
- Construction models of insects using Duplo & Interstar

Expressive Arts and Design

- Observational drawings of mini beasts
- Insect masks and models
- Using and mixing colours to create flowers
- Looking at camouflage
- Small world play – variety of habitats e.g. zoo, jungle, farm, forests, woods, etc
- Mini beasts songs
- Role play ‘Little Gardeners’