

<p>Personal Social and Emotional Development:</p> <p>During this topic we will be learning that creatures and plants are living things. We will learn how to take care of bugs, beetles, creepy crawlies and growing plants. We will discuss how we can help to take care of our environment and know the impact that we have as individuals on living things.</p>	<p>Communication and Language:</p> <p>We will be learning new vocabulary including: caterpillar, butterfly, leaf, legs, egg, pop, crawl, flap, fly, sleep, cocoon, hungry, change, same, colourful, wings, wiggle.</p> <p>We will learn to talk about how creatures grow and change over time.</p>	<p>Physical Development:</p> <p>During PE we will be practising key skills including throwing, dribbling, aiming and balancing ready for Sports Day!</p> <p>We will be practising tracing patterns with a pencil and learning to write our names.</p>	<p>Literacy:</p> <p>Each week we will be learning a story about a different minibeast. We will be learning to discuss what happens in the beginning, middle and end of the stories and we will be sharing our favourite parts. We will be taking part in 'partner reading' where we will be sharing our home reading books with friends. We will also be exploring non-fiction books about life and growing.</p>
<p>How To Support Your Child at Home:</p> <p>Read with your child EVERYDAY.</p> <p>Encourage independence when dressing for school and zipping up their own coat.</p> <p><u>Help your child to learn to write their name.</u></p> <p>Useful stories: The Very Greedy Bee What The Ladybird Heard Mad About Minibeast Super Snail</p>	<p>What Lives Outside?</p> <p>Summer 1</p>		<p>Mathematics:</p> <p>In maths this half term, we will be continuing to learn more about patterns and repeating patterns. We will discuss patterns that minibeasts have and learn that the black and yellow on a bee is a repeating pattern!</p> <p>We will also be growing our own plants and measuring them to see how they grow over time.</p> <p>We will continue learning how to identify numbers to 5 and understand how these are represented in different ways.</p>
	<p>Expressive Arts and Design:</p> <p>We are excited to begin crafting all of the minibeasts that we learn about and we will be able to apply our knowledge of using colour for purpose. We will be thinking about details including wings and antennas in our making opportunities.</p> <p>We will be exploring paints, different types of paper and junk modelling.</p>	<p>Understanding the World:</p> <p>Throughout this topic we will be deepening our understanding of other living things. We will be comparing how minibeasts behave, make homes and will be talking about their lifecycles.</p> <p>We will be learning how bees make honey, how caterpillars change into butterflies and how a ladybird changes through different stages.</p>	