Personal Social and Emotional Development:

We will be sharing stories about different minibeast, learning all about a different creature each week. We will take turns to listen to each other's ideas and learn how to respond to each other appropriately.

Communication and Language:

We will be learning new vocabulary related to insects and their habitats. Children will learn how to classify insects and how to describe their features.

Children will continue to practise their listening skills when responding to others.

Physical Development:

During PE we will be exploring how minibeast move through dance. We will also be developing our gross motor skills through working on basic ball skills such as bouncing, throwing and kicking.

We will continue to build strength in our fine motor abilities by using scissors to cut craft materials and by representing creatures using playdough.

Literacy

In writing we will be recording facts, writing descriptive words and showing an awareness of nursery rhymes such as 'Incy Wincy Spider'. We will use letter sounds to write meaningful sentences and begin to include capital letters, finger spaces between words and full stops at the end of sentences. In reading, we will be exploring minibeast stories and using comprehension skills to solve riddles.

How To Support Your Child at Home:

Ask them about what minibeast they have been learning about and what facts they can recall.

Go on a bug hunt and take photos of the creatures that you find.

Read with your child daily.

Play 'Guess The Bug' where your child describes a minibeast to you, and you have to guess which one it is!

Useful stories:

The Very Greedy Bee

What The Ladybird Heard

The Very Hungry Caterpillar

The Crunching Munching Caterpillar

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Expressive Arts and Design

When focussing on each minibeast, we will be using a variety of materials to represent each creatures features. We will be applying our learning of using colour for purpose and how to mix colours.

We will use musical instruments to imagine the very quiet sounds that bugs and beetles make when moving around.

Understanding the World

This topic will develop our understanding of the outdoors and seasons on the year. We will be learning process such as life cycles and how bees make honey.

We will be looking at past and present in our natural world whilst talking about the queen and her Jubilee.

Mathematics

In maths we will be learning to represent numbers from 11 to 20, using language of 'tens' and 'ones'.

We will be building on our knowledge of addition and using ladybird templates to learn how to double numbers.

We will be exploring shape and learning how to make tangrams.