Personal Social and Emotional Development:

We will be sharing stories about different minibeast, learning 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.

Understanding the World

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

Physical Development:

During PE we will be exploring how minibeast move through dance. We wil develop gross motor skills through working on 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.

How To Support Your Child at Home:

- Ask about which 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

Mad About Minibeast

How Does A Minibeast Move?

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 understanding 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.

Mathematics

In maths we will be learning to represent numbers from 11 to 20, using the 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.

Literacy

In our writing we will be recording facts, writing describing words and showing our awareness of Nursery Rhymes such as 'Incy Wincy Spider'. We will be using 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 our comprehension skills to solve riddles.