

Personal, Social & Emotional



- If you were a minibeast, which would you be? ^{Why?}
- What is your favourite minibeast? What makes it your favourite?
- Do you have a favourite minibeast story?
- Small world play
- Following rules and routines to care for animals in our environment (*caterpillars!*)
- Sharing own knowledge and experience of minibeasts
- Overcome fears about bugs

Help me at home by showing me bugs are nothing to be scared of. Teach and allow me to do self-care e.g. putting my own coat on, putting socks, tights and jumpers back the right way myself

Communication & Language



- Learning the names of minibeasts
 - Learning vocabulary to describe minibeasts
 - Sharing experiences & things they have seen
 - Asking questions
 - Minibeast puppets to retell and create stories
 - Creating our own minibeast stories
 - Describing how minibeasts move
 - Listening to information and stories about minibeasts
 - Using a variety of language to express thoughts
- Talk to me about my day, using Tapestry as a starting point*

Physical

- Moving our bodies like minibeasts
 - Threading beads to make caterpillars
 - Paper chain caterpillars
 - Threading spider webs
 - Handprint butterflies
 - Andy's wild workouts
 - Minibeast pencil control & following patterns and trails
 - Salt dough minibeasts
 - Building a bug hotel
 - Sing and dance to action songs
- Help me at home by playing fine motor 'Funky Finger' games.*

Minibeasts

Cook Class Summer 1



Literacy



- Minibeast CVC & CCVC words and using in simple sentences
- Story books such as: The Very Lazy Ladybird, The Very Busy Bee, The Very Hungry Caterpillar
- Investigating non-fiction books and using to find out new information
- Make our own books using our findings, photographs, drawings and captions
- Rhymes and alliterations

Help me at home by reading with me and practising daily writing of CVC words and simple sentences

Mathematics

- Ladybird addition and doubles
- Counting wings & legs
- Sorting & categorizing
- Size ordering
- Ordering numbers on caterpillars
- Making minibeasts from 2D shapes
- Symmetry with butterflies
- Learning about prepositions e.g. the mini beast is on top/under/next to...

Help me at home by playing turn taking board games, that require counting of spaces and turns. (Don't let me win on purpose, let me win on my own merit!)

Understanding the World

- Minibeast hunt outdoors and finding out about minibeasts
- Minibeast adventures with Jess ^(YouTube)
- Caring for our world and mini-beasts, how can we look after them?
- Where do minibeasts live? Compare habitats
- Life cycles
- Using technology to capture images on minibeasts in our environment
- Caring for caterpillars and observing as they turn in to butterflies
- Learning about nature on our school trip

Expressive Arts & Design



- Mini-beast crafts
- Finger painting minibeasts
- Making a mini-beast hotel
- Mini-beast songs
- Making a minibeast headdress
- Dressing up as minibeasts
- Observational drawings
- Use percussion instruments to symbolise the sound of different creatures
- Drawing and painting pictures of minibeasts