

Personal, Social, Emotional Development

- Learning how to care for animals—frogspawn/ farm animals from trip
- Learning how to share with the bikes
- Waiting for our turn during snack
- Talking about fears and fascinations with different insects

Maths

- Ordering mini beasts by size/ length
- Symmetrical butterfly wings
- Repeating pattern caterpillars
- Positional games, where's the frog?
- Subitising the butterflies
- Number rhymes linked to mini beasts: here is the bee hive, 5 little speckle frogs

Understanding the World

- Observing the changes outdoors— mini beast hunt
- Learning about the different life cycles—caterpillar, frog
- Exploring different habitats
- Farm visit to learn about different animals and how to care for them

Enrichment Opportunities

New to nursery children
Tadpoles
Farm visit
Stay and Play

Communication and Language

- Daily story times core texts and other stories linked to topic
- Describing insects and their habitats
- Sequencing the life cycles of frogs and caterpillars
- Role playing the Three Billy Goats Gruff
- Singing rhymes linked to topic
- Poetry basket performances
- Learning new vocabulary linked to topic

Physical Development

- Moving in different ways linked to mini beasts
- Balancing equipment outdoors—obstacle course
- Balance bikes
- Fine motor: cutting, tweezer skills, pouring and filling small containers
- Small parts in playdough to create mini beasts

Summer 1

What's happening outside?



End Points

Children will be able to hear and identify when words have the same initial sound.

Children will show awareness of their natural environment and talk about changes that are happening.

Children are starting to use longer sentences in back and forth conversation with familiar adults and their peers.

Children can use number rhymes to support them in solving real world maths problems up to 5.

Key Vocabulary

Life cycle, mini beast, change, grow, adapt, insect.

Core Texts

Mad about mini beasts
The three Billy Goats Gruff

Literacy

- Pattern tracing mini beasts
- Draw ladybirds, frogs, bees and butterflies in Busy Books
- Daily name writing
- Identifying initial sounds in words (phonics)
- Oral blending CVC and VC words

Expressive Arts and Design

- Mini beast collages and junk model insects
- Mini beast dancing
- Keeping the beat to songs (phonics)
- Developing skills previously learnt and creating our own ideas