

Communication and Language

- Mini beast hunt outside
- What would you like to know more about mini beast—questions on pegs.
- Learn mini beast rhymes/ poems (Poetry Basket)
- Describe a mini beast into the microphone then share it with a friend can they guess the mini beast being described.

Understanding the World

- Make a minibeast hotel
- Planting wild flower seeds
- Make a wormery—watch and discuss what worms do.
- Spiderweb search (magnifying glasses and iPad)
- Blossom tree experience - compare the pictures from winter and how the tree has changed. Lie under the tree as the wind blows the blossom.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Likes/dislikes— honey tasting
- Problem solving mini beast challenges—work together to create a mini beast hotel.
- Taking care of the mini beast and their environment, being responsible and respectful to their habitat.
- Being brave handling the mini beast

Literacy

Texts and Books:

Super worm
Mad about mini beast
What the Ladybird heard
Bumble bear
Snail and the whale
Spinderella

Writing

Save the bees poster
My favourite mini beast writing
Snail trail tricky words



Reception Unit

Minibeast



Expressive Arts and Design

- Minibeast observational drawings
- Transient art mini beast picture
- Collage butterfly, life cycle
- Observational drawing of the Spring trees
- Painting minibeast pebbles
- Hexagon printing—bee hives
- Egg carton snails
- Vivaldi—Four Seasons

Physical Development

- Create playdough mini beast
- Movement game—can you move like your favourite mini beast.
- Bug Olympics
- Movement to the classical piece of music 'Flight of the Bumble Bee'
- Making a spider web/ trap with string.
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Mathematics

- Categorising mini beast eg legs/wings
- Mini beast patterns—what patterns can you see on different mini beasts—spots, stripes, symmetry
- Look at bee hives (hexagons)
- Shape butterflies
- Measuring worms
- Pattern caterpillars with beads and pipe cleaners
- Subitising and adding ladybird spots
- Mini beast tally chart.—how many bugs can we see.