



Mini Beasts

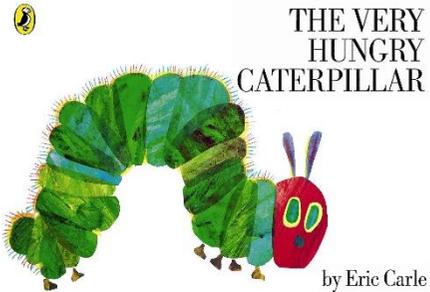
	Activity	What to do	Useful websites or apps	How to record learning.	Area of learning	Some extra Learning
Monday	<p><u>Potato stamp ladybugs</u></p>  	<p>Have a go at making your very own stamps. First you need to Cut a potato in half and let dry. Dip potato in red paint and stamp on to your paper and then let it dry.</p> <p>Draw a black line down the middle of each red oval with a permanent marker. Dip a thumb in black paint and stamp on each red oval for the ladybug head and then use a finger dipped in black paint for the ladybug spots.</p> <p>The children can tell us the features of a ladybug along this craft and stories of any experiences.</p>	<p>You will need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • white card • stock paper • potato • red paint • black paint • black permanent marker (optional) <p>Take a look here: https://www.mymommystyle.com/potato-stamp-ladybugs//</p>	<p>Take pictures of your child doing the activity at different stages and bring them into nursery on your return or send them to us at Info@ronaldopenshaw.newham.sch.uk don't forget to put your child's name and class on the email heading).</p>	<p>Communication and Language, Understanding of the World, Mathematics, Physical development and Expressive Arts and Design.</p>	<p>Check out some Minibeast stories and songs here:</p> <p>Mad about mini bests story: https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=SW-7MgHEZOE</p> <p>listen here: www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/listen-and-play-minibeasts</p> <p>Minibeast Adventures with Jess: https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=jaIBGJjr4-4&app=desktop</p>

<p>Tuesday</p>	<p><u>Insects in jelly</u></p> 	<p>Prepare jelly according to the instructions, then drop in the plastic insects, place in the fridge and wait a few hours for the jelly to set. If you want you can make two different flavours. Once the jelly is set put the bowl of jelly on the table with a few empty bowls along with the spoon and fork. Allow your child to transfer the jelly into the empty bowl using the spoon or they could use their hands. Let them explore the texture and listen to what they say. Don't worry if they want to eat it, remember it's jelly all part of exploring. At the end of the activity discuss with your child what they most enjoyed and where they think insects live.</p>	<p>You'll will need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flavoured jelly of your choice • Plastic insects • Spoon and fork (optional) <p>Take a look here: https://www.simplefunforkids.com/insects-in-jello.html</p>	<p>Take pictures of your child doing the activity at different stages and bring them into nursery on your return or send them to us at Info@ronaldopenshaw.newham.sch.uk don't forget to put your child's name and class on the email heading).</p>	<p>Communication and Language, Mathematics and Understanding of the World, Expressive Arts and Design, Physical development and Literacy.</p>	<p>Cheerio Caterpillars Children can make caterpillars out of string and cheerios, they can count how many cheerios they need on the string and make different length ones to see how this varies. https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/88031367700598889/</p>
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<p>Wednesday</p>	<p><u>Minibeast hunt.</u></p> 	<p>With your child go outside to the garden, park or nearby green spaces to look for some minibeasts take some pictures (remember to keep your distance when in public places). Encourage your child to touch and feel the creature, if they don't want to please don't force them to. If you can touch, it and this might encourage your child to come closer and look at it. You could put the creature in a tin with a lid (Always return creatures back to their natural environment and treat them with sensitivity and care).</p> <p>Use describing words to talk about the creatures you find and encourage your child to talk about the features they see and name the creature.</p> <p>Later you could show your child pictures and encourage them to draw the</p>	<p>You will need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your camera  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A clear tin with a lid  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To go  <p>Outdoors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minibeasts 	<p>Once you have created a piece of art work get a grown up to, send a picture of you and your creation to the nursery email address (do not forget to ask them to put you name and class on the email).</p> <p>Info@ronaldopenshaw.newham.sch.uk</p>	<p>Communication and Language, Understanding of the World, Physical development, Expressive Arts and Design and Mathematics</p>	<p><u>Creating Minibeast</u></p> <p>Things you will need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper plate or Cut some paper Paint or Colouring pencils <p>Together with you child design a minibeast of your own choice.</p> <p>Why not discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is their Minibeast happy or sad? What makes them feel this way? Do they have other Minibeasts friends? Where do they live? Does your child like them? <p>https://www.craftykidsathome.com/mini-beast-crafts-part-1/</p> 
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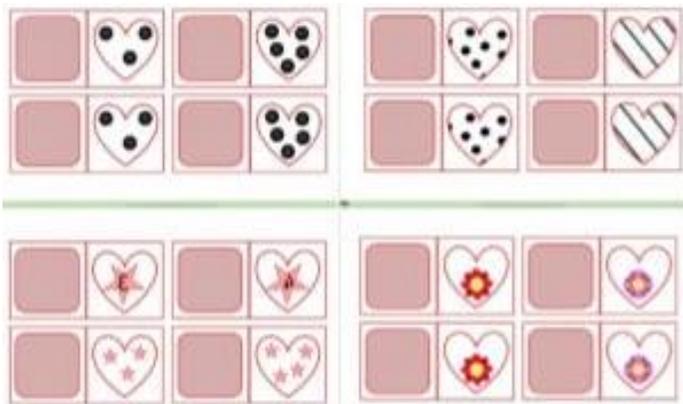
		<p>creature and recall the details and name. Record what your child says in their words.</p> <p>You and your child can make up a story about the creature you have found (let your imagination run wild, there is no wrong answers in this game the more creative the better). You can use the following questions to develop deeper thinking and language:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I wonder which way the minibeast walks? • What's the funniest thing you can see about the minibeast • If you could choose to be a minibeast what which one will you be and why? 				<p>Minibeast Yoga:</p> <p>Have a go at practicing some of the poses in the shape of minibeasts such as dragonflies, ladybugs etc.</p> <p>https://www.kidsyogastories.com/insect-bug-yoga/</p> <p>Watch some Yoga videos here:</p> <p>All about bugs: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qIT-9Nnlvn0</p> <p>The Very Hungry Caterpillar: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xhWDiQRrC1Y</p> <p>Being a bee: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uyj5LooYWyq</p> <p>Arnold the ant: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uyj5LooYWyq</p>
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<p>Thursday</p>	<p>Signing the different types of Minibeast</p> 	<p>Children/adults can use this website too learn some of the signs for the different minibeasts.</p> <p>Spider: https://www.signbsl.com/sign/spider</p> <p>Ant: https://www.signbsl.com/sign/ant</p> <p>Butterfly: https://www.signbsl.com/sign/butterfly</p> <p>Ladybird: https://www.signbsl.com/sign/ladybird</p> <p>Beetle: https://www.signbsl.com/sign/beetle</p> <p>Worm: https://www.signbsl.com/sign/Worm</p>	<p>Here's a great website for learning lots of BSL signs.</p> <p>https://www.signbsl.com/sign</p>		<p>Communication and Language, Mathematics and Understanding of the World, Expressive Arts and Design, Physical development and Literacy.</p>	<p>Minibeast Observation Jar</p> <p>What you need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glass Jars/ Clear Plastic Bottles • Pencils • Paper • Spade • Paper with holes for ventilation • Elastic to secure the jar  <p>What to do: start by decorating your jar; you could draw pictures of nature or minibeasts. Then get a grown up to help you put some holes in the lid. Now your ready to go on a hunt and add your minibeasts.</p> <p>Explore in the park or garden and collect as many minibeast as you can find. Place them in your observation jar and remember to use a ventilated cover.</p> <p>Talk about the minibeast you have found and how many you have in your jar. Record your findings.</p>
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<p>Friday</p>	<p><u>Spider handprints</u></p> 	<p>Get your child to have a go at making their very own spider hand print picture.</p> <p>Squirt a small amount of black paint onto your child's hands. Get them to rub their hands together - covering their hands in cold, oozy, black paint.</p> <p>Using a baby wipe, wipe the paint off their thumbs. You can just paint their fingers and miss out the thumbs; However it creates a nice sensory sensation of exploring and feeling the paint on their hands on their own.</p> <p>Then overlapping their palms, together to create a spider. Their fingers will create 8 spiders legs.</p> <p>Using PVA glue add some googly eyes or ones you have drawn on paper.</p> <p>For the spider's mouth, cut down a 'heart' sticky backed foam shape.</p> <p>..... and there you have it, your very own 'Incy Wincy Spider'.</p>	<p>What you need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper, • Black paint, • PVA glue, • Googly eyes (if you have) • Small heart <p>Have a look here: https://www.learnin-gandexploringthroughplay.com/2015/02/spider-handprints.html</p>		<p>Communication and Language, Mathematics and Understanding of the World, Expressive Arts and Design, Physical development and Personal, Social and Emotional development.</p>	<p>The Hungry Caterpillar - Smoothie Making</p> <p>Children can read the hungry caterpillar and identify the fruits he eats (his favourites are apples, pears, plums, strawberries and oranges). Children can mix these fruits together to make a smoothie or choose some of their own favourite fruits.</p> <p>https://www.pacey.org.uk/Pacey/media/Website-files/PACEY%20general/VHC-PACEYnew_FINAL.pdf</p> <p>Watch the story here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=75NQK-Sm1YY</p> 
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Match Minibeast cards

Print or draw out 12 sets of minibeast creatures. Use appropriate cards for your children in an invitation to play or adult led activity. These cards may be used in a number of ways. Placed facing up on a table, children can simply match up the pairs placing them next to each other or alternatively, they may want to collect them as they go. A further challenge could be a memory and turn taking game of 'Picking up Pairs'. Optional- the cards can be made with a tab which can be folded before lamination in order to strengthen the final product. This also means that when turned over, the pattern on the front cannot be seen.



Caterpillar stamps

What you need: Paper towel tube/Toilet roll tube, Paints, Paper, Markers, Paper plates.

What to do:

Put some green and red paint on paper plates. With one side of the paper towel tube, dip it into the green paint and place it into the paper.

Continue to do this along the paper to make the caterpillars body.

With the red paint, use the second tube and place it at the one end of the body to make the caterpillars head.

Use the markers to draw in the details for example the eyes.



From the garden or park / green space, collect some leaves, twigs, etc. With your child set up the resources, you have gathered for your child to access when they play freely without your supervision. You can observe and talk with your child as they play and this can continue as a communication exercise between you and your child. If you have some plastic, minibeasts add them to your set up.

You can visit the CBeebies www.bbc.co.uk Minibeast Adventure with Jess.

- Join Jess for a minibeast adventure and discover what Minibeasts are on your doorstep
- Earwig Adventure
- Minibeast Spotter
- The Minibeast That lives in the water
- Snail adventure
- Minibeast adventure with Jess Theme song

The Ladybird song- (with props)

Materials required

- 5 x lollipop sticks
- Red paint
- Draw 5 ladybird
- Colouring Pencils
- Paper

Preparation

- Paint the lollipop stick red. Set aside to dry.
- Draw your ladybirds and remember to colour the spots in.
- Once your stick are dry, glue the ladybirds to the end of the lollipop sticks.
- Then use the ladybird sticks to sing and act out the song.



Five little 🐞s climbing up a 🚪.
 One flew away, then there were 4.
 Four little 🐞s sitting on a 🌳.
 One flew away, then there were 3.
 Three little 🐞s landed on a 👟.
 One flew away, then there were 2.
 Two little 🐞s looking for some fun.
 One flew away, then there was 1.
 One little ladybug sitting in the ☀️.
 She flew away, and then there were none!