

Mad about minibeasts

Week beginning 23rd & 28th April 2025

This week in phonics...

We will be learning to read and write consonant blends at the beginning and end of words (e.g. frost, crust, stamp) as well as including some digraphs (e.g. crunch, shrink).

We are learning to read the tricky word 'ask', 'asked' and 'looked', as well as learning how to spell 'she', 'he', 'we', 'be', 'me', 'was', 'you' and 'my'.

This week in maths...

We will be building numbers to 20, exploring the counting patterns beyond ten.

Why this 'theme'?

We have chosen this theme as the children have been particularly interested in the minibeasts in our outside area and we have a special visit from the 'Mini Monsters Creepy Crawly Roadshow'.

Skills Focus

PSED: Identifying activities we would do in public and private places, making choices about keeping clean.

Expressive Arts & Design: Sing and perform 'Wiggly Woo', junk model a minibeast, accurately drawing minibeasts.

Understanding the World: Identifying similarities and differences in minibeasts sorting them into groups.

Communication & Language: Answer a question using the word 'because'.

Vocabulary

PSED: Private, healthy, unhealthy, choices, exercise, diet, hygienic

Expressive Arts & Design: sing, song, perform, tools, join, safely, describe, lines, shapes, tools.

Understanding the World: similar, different, observation, describe, sort.

Communication & Language: why, because.

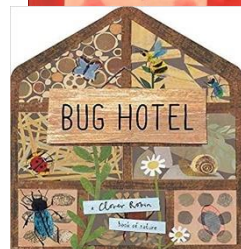
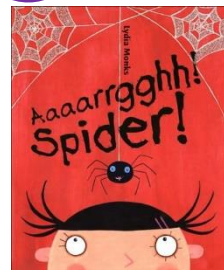
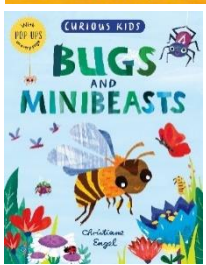
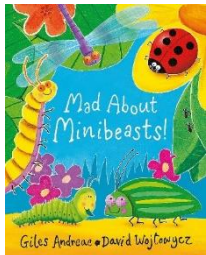


Did you know...

The largest earthworm found in the UK was 40cm long- more like the size of a small snake.

I wonder...

I wonder if minibeasts love each other? Why?



Things your child can do at home: Share minibeast stories and non-fiction books together, find out a fun fact to share in class, build your own minibeast habitat in the garden and watch to see which minibeasts come to visit, plant flowers for the bees and butterflies, paint, draw or junk model minibeasts.

Homework: Go on a minibeast hunt. Draw pictures and label those you find.

We are a Church of England School...

We say a prayer before lunch each day.

In our daily collective worship, we will be exploring this half-term's theme of 'Service'

This week's song: 'Have you seen the pussycat?'

School Values:

Compassion • Courage • Responsibility



Mini Monsters Creepy Crawly Roadshow...

We are excited to welcome into school the Mini Monsters Roadshow on Wednesday 23rd April. The children will have the opportunity to see, find out about and hold (if they would like to) some interesting and unusual creatures, like a giant African land snail, milk snake and a giant millipede.