

Mad About Minibeasts!

Wow Event - Trip to the Butterfly Farm

Communication and Language

- We will be learning a range of new vocabulary linked to our new topic, Mad About Minibeasts!
- We will listen to stories such as The Hungry Caterpillar and Lucy Ladybird.
- We will be retelling familiar stories in our literacy sessions and join in with repeated refrains as well as using new vocabulary.
- Our role-play will encourage us to act out stories with our friends.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Through daily circle times and weekly PSHE sessions, children will be thinking about their own personal qualities and belonging to a community - we will focus on SOAR and earning house tokens.
- We will learn how to be gentle and take care of animals and minibeasts.
- We will focus on understanding our feelings and how we can help ourselves and others manage their emotions.

Physical Development

- We will be playing command games, following instructions and moving in different ways.
- We will take part in partner and team games.
- Using our outdoor area to climb, skip, jump and run will help our co-ordination, agility and strength.
- We will create obstacle courses to practise our balance and agility.
- We will use a range of tools in our indoor and outdoor play.

Literacy

- In Literacy, we will be learning our Set 1, Set 2 and Set 3 sounds through daily RWI sessions. We will be reading sounds, blending sounds, writing words with sounds learnt from Set 1, 2 and 3, learning common exception words and writing short sentences and captions.
- We will focus on forming our lower case letters correctly.
- We will use finger spaces between words and remember a capital letter at the beginning of a sentence and a full stop at the end.

Maths

- Throughout spring, we will be focusing on comparing quantities within 10 using more than and less than.
- We will continue to subitise numbers to 10 and verbally count to 20 and beyond.
- We will continue to learn and rehearse our number bonds to 5.
- We will be doubling and distributing numbers equally.

Understanding the World

- We will be exploring outdoors to find minibeasts in the environment, learning about their habitats and making homes for them such as a wormery.
- We will learn about a range of minibeasts and their features.
- We will observe how our own caterpillars change into butterflies.
- We will focus on changes around us as spring develops and flowers bloom.

Expressive Arts and Design

- We will paint large scale pictures of a range of minibeasts.
- We will use a range of materials to create masks and wings for our own minibeast costumes.
- We will sing songs and rhymes about minibeasts with actions and perform to others.
- We will listen to Flight of the Bumblebee and perform our own music linked to minibeasts.