

Nursery Topic Web Activities Planner

Mathematics

- Continuing to practice our counting beyond 10 with spots on ladybirds and combining spots on both wings
- Subitising amounts of minibeasts
- Looking at the symmetry on butterfly wings
- 2D shapes based on reading Walter's web
- Learn sequence of the days of the week based on the Hungry Caterpillar
- Sorting minibeasts legs/no legs, wings/no wings
- Make repeating patterns with caterpillar segments



Personal, Social & Emotional

- Develop emotional literacy by using Zones of Regulation display
- Learn to be gentle and kind when looking after the caterpillars/chicks
- Learning ways to regulate our feelings, for instance counting breaths
- Read the 'Bad Tempered Ladybird' and talk about what makes us cross/nervous
- Spending time in Reception classroom and meeting staff

School value - Responsibility

Communication and Language

- New minibeast vocabulary
- Practise answering how and why question Minibeast and Hungry Caterpillar small world
- Minibeast nursery rhymes - incy wincy spider, wiggly woo, there's a tiny caterpillar
- Play Kim's game with all the foods the Hungry Caterpillar eats
- Follow instructions while playing parachute games



Understanding the World

- Observing the life cycle of a caterpillar
- Looking at signs of Summer in the Forest School
- Helping to look after our garden, planting seeds and watering plants
- Go on a minibeast hunt
- Investigating animal habitats
- Observe the features of different minibeasts in the Nature Explorers' hub
- Investigate minibeasts frozen in ice



- Use Minimash to draw minibeasts.

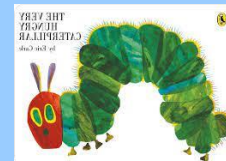
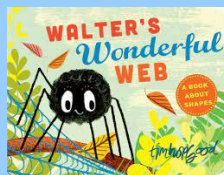
Summer 1 - Minibeasts & Growth



Literacy

Key texts: Snail Trail, Walter's Web, and The Very Hungry Caterpillar

- Using Talk for Writing/Talk Through Stories to learn our class texts and new vocabulary
- Practising writing our name
- Look at non-fiction minibeast books
- Making our own story maps to support our story re-telling
- Recording the lifecycle of the caterpillars
- Writing observations of insects on our laboratory
- Sequencing stories and predicting what we think might happen next
- Learn to read and write Read Write Inc set 1 sounds



Physical Development

- Exercising to keep healthy and fit
- Understanding why we need to be healthy, talk about the food in TVHC
- Making fruit salad
- Build a bug hotel by moving large blocks
- Use a pencil to draw a plan for the bug hotel
- Minibeast moves
- Thread beads to make caterpillars
- Climb through woollen webs outside
- Make caterpillar paper chains



Expressive Art and Design

- Paint egg boxes to make caterpillars
- Make a home for a minibeast with junk modelling materials
- Pastel drawings of minibeasts
- Collage snails, based on Matisse's picture
- Moving like a minibeast
- Garden centre role play
- Making dandelion stew and blossom tea in the mud kitchen

