



April Theme-Marvelous Mini beasts

This is the perfect project for Spring and Summer, with lots of scope for play and investigation in outside spaces. Looking at mini beasts provides opportunities to learn about how we care for other creatures and for our environment, as well as plenty of counting and sequencing activities. So get on those sunhats and that sun cream and explore!

Below is a list of activities/ideas
to help you make and create mini beast memories at home.
The activities are split into the three prime areas of learning within the EYFS

Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED):

- Role Play- make a bug den
- Talk about caring for creatures and their habitats
- Stories and poems about mini beasts
- Small world play with mini beasts
- Minibeast puppets

Communication language (CL)

- Rhymes and songs about minibeasts
- Dressing up as minibeasts
- Small world play - tray with earth, gravel, small pond, pot plants and plastic minibeasts
- Minibeast puppets to retell and create stories
- Story as the children pull out the props
- Fiction and non-fiction books about minibeasts

Physical Development (PD)

- Dance to a fast or slow rhythms of music to show how different minibeasts move - (Use props to support minibeast movement e.g. scarves for butterflies/ hoops as waterlilies for frog)
- Over and under instruction games - moving like a worm/caterpillar
- Threading beads to make worms/caterpillars
- Cutting minibeast patterns - e.g. spots, spirals, wiggly lines, stripes