





Week Beginning 1st June - Minibeast Activities

<p>Creepy crawly collage</p> <p>To make a minibeast collage, collect flower petals, leaves, sticks and feathers. (Never pick wild plants, please only gather what's fallen naturally to the ground.) You can make your creepy crawly on the floor or stick your items onto a piece of card.</p> <p>Hunt for creepy crawlies. Peep under stones and logs to find beetles, woodlice and centipedes.</p>	<p>Butterfly symmetry painting</p> <p>The beautiful patterns on a butterfly's wings are symmetrical – that means one wing is a mirror image of the other.</p> <p>To make a symmetry painting, fold a sheet of paper in half then open it up back up. Dab paint on one side of the paper, roughly in the shape of a butterfly wing. Now for the magic – fold the paper and press it down gently, then open it up to reveal a stunning symmetrical butterfly!</p> <p>https://youtu.be/UDNFQ7z4Wcs</p>	<p>Minibeast Mask</p> <p>You can adapt this simple mask to make different kinds of minibeasts, from stripy bumblebees to brightly coloured beetles.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cut a paper plate in half. Then cut out a triangle from the straight edge so there's room for their nose. 2. Hold the mask up to your face and mark where the eye holes should be, then cut them out. 3. Now it's time to decorate your mask. 4. If your creepy crawly has antennae, punch two holes at the top of the mask and attach some pipe cleaners. 5. Finally, punch holes at either side and attach some string to tie the mask round your child's head 	<p>A minibeast mobile</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/cheebies/makes/presenters-minibeast-mobile</p>
<p>Ladybird potato stamps</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cut a potato in half and poke a stick into the rounded side – this twig handle will be easier to hold when the potato stamp gets slippery. 2. Dip the potato in red paint and stamp it onto the paper. Let it dry. 3. Paint a black line down the middle of the red splodge and add a black head at one end. 4. To add spots, dip your child's finger in the black paint and dab some dots on the body. 5. Finally, add two eyes to the head. Look out for ladybirds. Keep your eyes peeled for their bright, shiny bodies. How many spots can your little one count? <p>https://youtu.be/SXZvmdEOBNI</p>	<p>Rock bugs</p> <p>All you need are some pebbles and colourful paints.</p> <p>Get creative with colours and patterns, you could make beetles, bumblebees, or even a swirly snail. In fact, why not make a whole bunch of minibeasts?</p> 	<p>Handprint spider</p> <p>Have go at making spider buddies. Simply paint one of your hands black (not the thumb) and overlap two handprints to create a not-so scary spider.</p> <p>You could even have a go at making a spider web with some wool.</p> <p>Watch out for webs. Take a closer look at tree bark – can you spot any delicate webs nestled in the nooks and crannies?</p> 	<p>Beetle Game:</p> <p>Number the parts 1-6 Roll the dice and collect the numbered parts to make the beetle</p> <p>Give the children a variety of natural objects for them to count. They could sort them and then count the different varieties, then see how many in total. Leave it open ended for the children to explore and count in their own way. Encourage the children to 1-1 correspondence count – ensuring they count one object at a time and the last number they count equals the total.</p> <p>https://nrich.maths.org/13372 has some lovely ideas – with questions you can ask the children and how you can extend their thinking!</p> 

Playdough	<p>Videos and online games</p> <p>https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?q=spiders</p>	Bug Hunt	
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<p>Children can use the playdough to make their own minibeasts or spider! They can have a go at rolling, squashing, pushing and moulding the playdough to create their own minibeast families. They could have a go at making sure the minibeasts have the correct parts to their bodies and name the parts they know. Eg; abdomen, antennae, thorax etc</p> 		https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/candleby-lane-school/UploadedDocument/2b5621cb6682479cb0dd8b2adcae6f05/bug-chart.pdf	
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<https://youtu.be/WUx2qgPUyOI> - minibeasts

<https://youtu.be/SW-7MgHEZOE> - Mad about Minibeasts story

<https://youtu.be/TfLOg-XRxnA> - The Very Busy Spider Eric Carle

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zrvfy9q> - BBC Bitesize English Activities

[minibeasts-differentiated-reading-comprehension-activity.pdf](#) - Reading Comprehension Questions

[Minibeast Challenge Cards](#) – Maths Challenges

We hope you have enjoyed the Minibeast activities. We will be moving on next week to a new topic so enjoy this week exploring and investigating minibeasts.

If you feel you need more activities to keep you busy here are some more English and Maths activities:

[Year-1-Week-6-Home-Learning-Pack.pdf](#)

[Year-1-Week-6-Home-Learning-Pack-Guidance-and-Answers.pdf](#)