

Curriculum Planning

Learning Link: Marvellous Minibeasts and Perfect Plants Year: EYFS Term: Summer 1			
Curriculum Drives and Cultural Capital Offer			
Adventure	Aspiration	Creativity	Diversity
		Exploring artists Monet and Van Gough. Looking at famous pieces of work and their style/techniques.	
Teaching Texts: Aargh spider Yucky worms The very hungry caterpillar Jack and the beanstalk The tiny seed The enormous turnip		Educational Experiences: Visit from adult in the community with their pets	
Genre coverage: Factual - Yucky Worms Poetry Fiction			
Reading for pleasure texts: What the ladybird heard? Oliver's vegetables Oliver's fruit salad Mad about minibeasts - poems and rhymes			
Personal, Social, Emotional Development Discuss animals that live in their homes or pets that they may have had. How do we care for them? What do all living creatures/ animals and humans need? Discuss importance of looking after our world and all living creatures. How do we feel when people treat creatures badly? Discuss caring for small creatures. Why are they important, how do they help us? eg. Worms help plants grow. Think about how the hungry caterpillar felt at different parts of the story. Why did he feel this way?			
Communication and Language Use caterpillar finger puppets to retell the story Talk about the life cycle of a caterpillar and order pictures Create a veterinary surgery or animal rescue centre Learn animal/insect rhymes and continue rhyming string Retell familiar stories using puppets Acting out the story of the very hungry caterpillar			
Physical Development Make playdough worms, spiders etc Thread cheerios onto pipe cleaners/beads onto laces to make worms, caterpillars Picking up 'worms' (wool) using the tweezers. Can you do it before the timer runs out? Butterfly - Chalk symmetry pictures - draw outline, ch'rn to complete the symmetrical patterns. Use single hole punch to punch holes in leaves then thread wool through Make a web - Cut the centre out of a plate, hole punch around edge and thread black wool across. Add spiders Move around like different mini beasts/animals Thread around lollipop sticks to create a web effect Make a spider where the legs have a concertina effect			

Make a fairy garden using playdough and other malleable resource. Use gems etc to decorate.

Literacy

Write a simple fact file about an insect of choice

Make signs for the vet surgery

What sounds do animals make? Ch'rn to write in speech bubbles

Have forms ready for the vets surgery. Fill in forms stating pets symptoms and treatment given

Make 'What am I?' riddles

List all the different foods the hungry caterpillar ate

What I would like to have as a pet

A spider would make a good pet because.....

Write instructions - how to look after a

Write letters and notes and place in a letter writing tree for others to find

Mathematics

Builders tray - Dig for different length worms in the soil and order

Doubling - draw double the number of spots on a butterfly/ladybird

Colour by numbers. Roll the dice and colour the butterfly part matching that number

Lacing - Can you make a caterpillar using 5, 7, 10 beads?

Make cucumber caterpillars - Count and match number of how many pieces you used

Use magnifying glasses to look at patterns on animals and on insects. Recreate the patterns

Garden centre role play area - label items with prices, use coins etc

Natural items to weigh using compost and balance scales

Understanding the World

Go on a mini beast hunt

Make mini beast hotels from plastic bottles.

Use magnifying glass to explore mini beasts found.

Make bird feeders/bird seed fat balls

Position a bird box near the classroom. Use binoculars to watch for activity

Note down the birds/animals that come and visit the outdoor area

Set up an ant or butterfly world to observe

Sort animals/insects according to where they live

Life cycle of a butterfly

Parts of a plant stones - hide them in some soil and ask the children to name the different parts

Food colouring and cut flowers - observe what happens

Growing seeds/cress

Petals and leaves in ice - observe them melting

Expressive arts and design

Make a muddy garden .Layer with sponge, chocolate angel delight, crushed biscuits and sweet worms on top

Painting with worms (cooked spaghetti!) Add paint to spaghetti to make patterns on paper

Make caterpillar finger puppets

Make marshmallow/milk bottle top caterpillars

Printing with sponges to make different creatures

Use paint to create symmetrical patterns

Make a mini beast collage from different natural resources

Create a black hand print spider

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The creation story

British Values

St Georges Day

Commemorating the life of Prince

Philip

Enterprise

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