**Expressive Arts and Design**

**Salt Dough Minibeasts -** Make some salt dough and create different minibeasts. <https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/how-make-salt-dough-recipe>

**Observational Drawing** - Draw and colour minibeasts.

**Modelling** – Make models of minibeasts and their houses with junk materials or make some temporary minibeast models using natural materials e.g. leaves, flowers, petals and feathers.

**Painting** – Butterfly hand painting, symmetrical butterflies, finger paint spots onto ladybirds.

**Collage** - Look at and discuss ‘The Snail’ picture by Henri Matisse. Encourage the children to create their own snail collage pictures.

Music – Listen to the songs the **Ugly Bug Ball, There’s a worm at the bottom of the garden**, **The Flight of the Bumblebee’ music by** Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov. Links on Tapestry and website.

Please see website and Tapestry for further ideas and links to creative activities.

**Physical Development**

**Minibeast Action Cards:** Use these cards to encourage children to move like minibeasts.

**Pencil Control:** Minibeast Maze sheets

**Funky Fingers:** Peg leg Spider – use pegs to attach legs to the spider.

**Health and Self-Care**

Remind children about hygiene, care and safety when looking for and handling minibeasts. Discuss importance of washing hands after digging in soil, handling minibeasts etc.

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

Look at images of different minibeasts and ask the children to explain their feelings about each one, e.g. like/don’t like, frightened/happy?

Encourage children to share their experiences of minibeasts and which minibeasts they like to see.

Talk to the children about caring for minibeasts and wildlife in the local area.

Consider having some minibeasts for children to care for and observe – caterpillars are ideal for this and provide lots of opportunities for observation and discussion about how to care for the caterpillars as they grow and change into butterflies or you could make a wormery for worms.

**Maths**

**Follow daily lessons on White Rose Maths, Numbots, Numberblocks etc.**

**Number-**  If possible, use a selection of minibeast small world toys/images and encourage the children to sort them into sets – maybe based on colour, size, wings, legs etc. These could then be used for a variety of counting, and addition and subtraction activities.

Encourage children to roll a dice and draw the number of spots onto each side of a ladybird to create a doubles number sentence – how many spots does the ladybird have in total?

Addition to 10 – Butterfly Addition puzzle,

**Statistics -**Make a simple pictogram of the results from the minibeast hunt on paper or using Purple Mash 2count (click Menu – New – scroll down for minibeasts <https://www.purplemash.com/#app/tools/2count>

**Measures –** Make different sized caterpillars and worms in playdough and order them – length, thickness

Patterns – Cut out circles and colour them different colours. Make a repeating pattern caterpillar with the circles.

**Knowledge and Understanding of the World**

**There will be specific activities on Tapestry and Nearpod for children to learn about minibeasts added each week. Please refer to Tapestry Memos section or website for more information.**

**Minibeast Hunt** – What have you found? Where have you found it? – link on Tapestry and website

**Minibeast Identification** – Refer and encourage children to identify minibeasts through observation and discussion – link on Tapestry and website

Look for some spiders and spider webs. Encourage the children to use magnifying glasses to see more details and watch quietly to see how the webs are made.

Plant a butterfly garden with lots of bright, colourful flowers to attract the butterflies!

**Technology:**

Use internet to research minibeasts – links to suggested websites are available on Tapestry and website.

Purple Mash 2Do – Write captions, Make a fact file about, minibeasts, Design a minibeast.

Purple Mash Weekly Activities are also now available for EYFS by following this link. <https://www.purplemash.com/#tab/pm-home/weekly_activities/weekly_activities_age3_5>

**Literacy**

**Phonics -**Read, Write Ink Phonics Session Daily Ruth Miskin you tube channel. (link on website)

**Reading:**

Read stories about minibeasts, research facts using non-fiction texts, internet. – suggested book list and websites on Tapestry and website.

Minibeast Read and Draw – link on Tapestry and website

Minibeast Wordsearch – link on Tapestry and website

**Writing:**

Pencil Control sheets for fine motor skills (Link on website)

Write lists of minibeasts you find.

Draw and label minibeasts.

Write captions Purple Mash 2Do - <https://www.purplemash.com/#app/pup/minibeast_captions_2>

Think of words to describe minibeasts and write them using phonics skills.

Make a fact file about a minibeasts on paper or on Purple Mash 2DO <https://www.purplemash.com/#app/pup/minibeast_facts>

Mark Making – Practise letter formation in soil and mud.

Minibeast writing materials available on Tapestry and website.

**Communication and Language**

**Role-Play** : Set up a Minibeasts investigation lab. Draw and label picture of minibeasts, make warning signs, complete observation form. Invite people to come and visit your lab and explain what you have learnt/know about minibeasts. (links on Tapestry and website)

**Minibeasts Powerpoint Game:** Talk about and identify the minibeasts in this game. (link on Tapestry and website)

**Small World:** Create a minibeast garden, re-enact stories through small world play.

Mad About Minibeasts

Provision Activities for EYFS Curriculum Areas of Learning

**Our next topic is Minibeasts. This overview explains the provision activities we had planned for the children to investigate and explore over the next four weeks. Please feel free to pick any of these activities your child might like to do. We would really appreciate it if you could upload their learning to Tapestry so we can add it to their journal.**

**Thank you.**