

**Dear Reception and Nursery Parents,** here is our topic for this half term. Please use it to aid your own research or bring things into class to support our learning. Have fun!



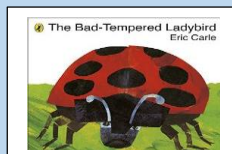
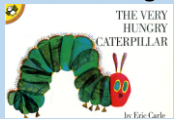
**As communicators we will:**

Learn new vocabulary related to the summer season, minibeast exploration, butterfly lifecycles and holidays! We will learn new words from our story books related to minibeasts and life cycles and express our ideas effectively to our peers and teachers.

**As readers and writers we will:**

Read: 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and 'The Bad Tempered Ladybird' by Eric Carle, alongside non-fiction books about the life cycle of a butterfly and minibeasts. Read 'Aaaarrggghh Spiders' by Lydia Monks and 'There's a Spider in the Bath' by Neil Griffiths.

**Writing:** Reception pupils will aim to write sentences independently which include capital letters, fingerspaces, some correctly spelt words and fullstops! Nursery pupils will aim to write their names and engage in mark making, ascribing meaning to their marks.

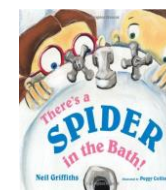


**As mathematicians we will:**

Explore sorting with mini beasts, learn to recognise numbers and match them correctly to groups of objects. We will learn how to represent numbers using fingers and marks on paper. We will explore the properties of 2D and 3D shapes describing their sides, corners, faces and names. Reception pupils will apply their understanding of numbers to solve problems which involve sharing, halving, doubling and counting in groups of 2s, 5s and 10s.

**As individuals and friends we will:**

Learn how to play collaboratively with others, taking on board their ideas when engaged in play. Take part in anti-bullying events to celebrate our individual differences and to gain a deeper understanding about how our actions affect others.



**What is a minibeast?**



**As artists, actors and musicians:**

We will create habitat collages using a variety of different materials. We will create symmetrical butterfly wing paintings, exploring and mixing different colour paints. We will learn songs about mini beasts and engage in imaginative play related to the outdoors, holiday and minibeasts.



**As healthy movers we will:**

Learn about the importance of diet, sun safety and personal hygiene in keeping well. In movement lessons we will be minibeasts, and practise moving in different ways, learning how to hop, skip and jump in time to music.

Nursery pupils will take part in bug themed squiggle whilst you wiggle lessons to develop their basic movement skills. We will continue to develop our fine motor skills by taking part in dough disco. You can get involved with dough disco at home by visiting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i->

**As explorers and investigators we will:**

Learn about insect lifecycles, investigating how caterpillars transform into butterflies.



We will learn about different bug habitats and learn about different types of mini beasts.



**As effective learners we will:**

Take part in problem solving activities where we will learn through trial, error and perseverance. Develop our listening and attention skills, taking active roles in class discussions and learn how to work as part of a team. We will be building a Bug Hotel together!