

## Knowledge and Understanding

- Discuss minibeasts
- Investigation table with real minibeasts (spiders, snails, ladybirds, caterpillars, ants).
- Go on a hunt for minibeasts around the school.
- Espresso - watch video clips about minibeasts.
- Early Years ICT - minibeasts.
- Discuss the lifecycles of animals including caterpillars.
- Program the ladybird Roamer.
- Draw minibeasts on the computer.
- Feely bag with minibeast habitats - leaf, twig, grass, moss etc.

## Communication, Language and Literacy

- Read stories about minibeasts - 'The Hungry Caterpillar', 'The Lazy Ladybird', 'Ten Wiggly Wiggly Caterpillars' and 'The Crunching Munching Caterpillar', 'The Snail Trail'.
- Look at factual books about minibeasts.
- Use the contents and index pages to look up information about minibeasts.
- Learn vocabulary related to minibeasts.
- Alliteration - slimy snail, wriggly worm, busy bee etc.
- Make a class book about minibeasts.
- Spiders den role play area.
- Sing traditional songs and nursery rhymes.
- Listen to stories on the CD and computer.



## Physical Development

- Dance Alpha CD - 'Lifecycle of a Butterfly'. Learn dance moves for class assembly.
- Gymnastics - snail trail obstacle course.
- Move like different minibeasts - fly like a butterfly, slide like a snail and crawl like a spider.
- Outdoor toys
- Hand and eye co-ordination - cutting, sticking, mark making, malleable skills.
- Press buttons to program the ladybird Roamer.

## Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy

- Make a symmetrical butterfly.
- Read 'The Snail Trail' and discuss positional language.
- Cut around different sized circles to make a snail's shell or a caterpillar.
- Discuss the number of legs on minibeasts. Discuss how many legs are on each side of the body and introduce halving numbers.
- Count the number of steps and turns required to program the ladybird Roamer.
- Use the magnetic ladybird to add spots.

## Creative Development

- Make a clay snail
- Make a ladybird garden decoration by painting a large stone.
- Stain glass butterfly.
- Paint snail trails using black card and glitter.
- Paint, draw and collage pictures of minibeasts.
- Make patterns - spots and stripes.
- Learn songs about minibeasts including 'Follow, Follow the Silver Trail' for the class assembly.
- Make minibeasts out of play dough.
- Make props for the minibeast class assembly.



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## Personal, Social and Emotional

- Discuss caring for living things.
- Show care and concern for living things on the investigation table.
- Prepare for class assembly.
- Select an activity of their choice
- Be confident to try new activities
- Take turns and share resources.
- Change socks and shoes independently before and after P.E.