



## Literacy

- Read clues to guess the minibeast.
- Write clues for others to guess the minibeast.
- Make a list of different minibeasts.
- Write about a favourite minibeast.
- Fill in the initial sounds for different minibeasts.
- Create minibeast fact files.
- Keep a diary or an observation booklet on the caterpillars purchased (see resources).
- Label each stage of the lifecycle of a butterfly and write statements about each stage.
- Read the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'.
- Set up the story in the provision using props, story sack or pictures for children to retell the story.
- Use sequencing cards to sequence the story.
- You could add actions to the story as you learn to retell it using Pie Corbett – Talk for write.
- Sort the food the caterpillar eats in the correct order.
- Write parts of the story to match an image from the text.

## Maths

- Set up a fruit & veg role play shop and include money.
- Symmetry using butterflies – use small 2D shapes to add patterns on to the wings.
- Use templates of spiders, ladybirds etc and peg the correct number of legs on. (PD link)
- Set up a small world area including grass, logs, stones and minibeasts. Draw and count how many minibeasts they can see.
- Learn the days of the week through song.
- Use worms or caterpillars to look at length and compare.
- Use the minibeasts to practically solve addition and subtraction problems.
- Use the ladybird to explain doubling using the spots on their back.
- Count out the fruit that the Hungry Caterpillar eats on each day.
- Play maths related orchard games (see resources).

## Understanding the World

- Book a visit to the provision from some real minibeasts (see resources page).
- Children to experience real life minibeasts and comment/ask and answer questions.
- Use magnifying glasses to observe any minibeasts that are collected. Comment on what you notice, anything that is the same or different between any mini beasts.
- Play 'Guess which mini beast I am?'. E.g. "I have spots on my back and 6 legs, who am I?"
- Explore outdoor area and go on a minibeast hunt.
- Discuss and learn some facts about minibeasts.
- Setup a wormery using a clear, large container. Observe the worms closely.
- Order some caterpillars from insect lore. You will need to purchase the Butterfly Garden pack (see resources page).
- Observe how the caterpillars change and grow over time, making comments and asking questions.
- Discuss the lifecycle of a butterfly.
- Cut and stick each stage of the lifecycle of a butterfly in the correct order.
- Sort fruit and vegetables.



## Communication & Language

- Play “Guess which minibeast I am”.
- Discuss what they observed when looking at different minibeasts.
- Hot seating – use a prop or a mask to become a minibeast and children ask the minibeast questions.
- Photograph the minibeast visit and use photos to act as discussion prompts.

## Personal Social and Emotional Development

- Play board games relating to fruit and vegetables. (see resources).
- Circle time – discuss what fruit and vegetables they like and dislike.
- Circle time – discuss healthy and unhealthy food. (PD link)
- Play ‘minibeast’ bingo

## Physical Development

- Sort healthy and unhealthy foods.
- Taste food from the story.
- Threading to make a caterpillar – use red and green beads.
- Search for ‘Cosmic yoga – bug yoga’ on YouTube (see resources).
- Use templates of spiders, ladybirds etc. and peg the correct number of legs on (Maths link).
- Set up a large digging pit to dig for minibeasts.

## EAD

- Set up a fruit and veg role play shop in the provision (Use real fruit and vegetables).
- Use a template of a butterfly and paint one side then fold it in half to print.
- Print using fruit and vegetables.
- Split pin minibeasts.
- Caterpillar and butterfly role play masks.
- Transient art to make mini beasts using stones, matchsticks, corks etc.
- Make paper chain caterpillars.
- Use egg boxes to paint and create different minibeasts.
- Collage templates of minibeasts using different materials.





## Resources to support this topic.

### Books

- [‘We’re going on a bear hunt : Let’s discover bugs’](#)
- [‘Mad about minibeasts!’ by Giles Andreae](#)
- [‘Superworm’ by Julia Donaldson](#)
- [‘The very busy spider’ by Eric Carle](#)
- [‘The bad-tempered ladybird’ by Eric Carle](#)
- [‘The very hungry caterpillar’ by Eric Carle](#)

### Orchard Games

- [Shopping list](#)
- [Shopping list extras – fruit & veg](#)
- [Lunch box game](#)
- [Tummy Ache](#)
- [Insey Winsey Spider](#)
- [Build a beetle](#)
- [The game of ladybirds](#)

### Minibeast visit

- [Little Zoo to you \(Based in North West England\)](#)

### Butterfly Garden

- [Insect Lore Butterfly Garden](#)

### YouTube

- [Cosmic Kids – Kids Yoga all about bugs!](#)

