



Minibeasts to Mega Beasts:
Come and meet the minibeasts...
Topic Coverage Plan
Early Years 1

TERM	Area of Learning	Guided Activity / Enhanced Provision	Knowledge “Know and remember more”
P E N T E C O S T	ENTRY POINT The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Caterpillar-Butterfly kit	
	Communication and Language Literacy 3-4 year olds	Read the story ‘The Very Hungry Caterpillar’ by Eric Carle	Pupils will know how to listen at story time. Pupils will be able to talk about familiar books, and be able to tell a long story.
	Communication and Language Literacy 3-4 year olds	Imitate the story using a story map and Talk for Writing actions.	Pupils will memorise and recite stories.
	Physical Development Expressive Art and Design 3-4 year olds	Guided drawing - Get Squiggling - Caterpillar	Pupils will know how to draw with increasing complexity and detail, such as representing a face with a circle and including details.
	Communication and Language 3-4 year olds	Continue to learn ‘The Very Hungry Caterpillar’ story through a story map	Pupils will know how to be able to follow a story with props and pictures.
	Expressive Art and Design Maths 3-4 year olds	Caterpillar repeating pattern paint printing	Pupils will know how to extend and create ABAB patterns and how to notice and correct an error in a repeating pattern.
	Communication and Language Understanding the World 3-4 year olds	The Very Hungry Caterpillar sequencing (simple life cycle)	Pupils will know about and understand the key features of the life cycle of an animal.
	Physical Development 3-4 year olds	Caterpillar hoop and bean bag throwing	Pupils will know how to show increasing control over an object when throwing.
	Mathematics Expressive Art and Design 3-4 year olds	Handprint butterflies - symmetry	Pupils will know how to explore different materials freely, in order to develop their ideas about how to use them and what to make.
	Physical Development Expressive Art and Design 3-4 year olds	Leaf threading	Pupils will know how to use pincers, tweezers and threading equipment with increasing control and confidence.
		Ask for a section of grass not to be cut to create a “minibeast habitat” ready for our next topic	

Expressive Art and Design Physical Development 3-4 year olds	Learn the actions for the story	Pupils will know how to be able to follow a story with props and pictures.
Mathematics 3-4 year olds	Number and fruit matching game	Pupils will know how to link the number symbol (numeral) with its cardinal number value.
Physical Development Understanding the World 3-4 year olds	Make a fruit salad	Pupils will know how to safely use a knife for cutting
EXIT POINT	Eat our healthy fruit salads	Pupils will begin to understand about healthy food choices
People Who Help Us Fortnight		
ENTRY POINT Snail Trail	We're going on a minibeast hunt	Pupils will know how to talk about some of the things they have observed such as plants, animals, natural and found objects.
Communication and Language Literacy 3-4 year olds	Read, Snail Trail by Ruth Brown	Pupils will know how to listen at story time. Pupils will be able to talk about familiar books, and be able to tell a long story.
Expressive Art and Design Physical Development 3-4 year olds	Spiral drawing - large scale (chalks outside) smaller scale black card and small chalk	Pupils will know how to use large-muscle movements to make marks.
Understanding the World 3-4 year olds	Slime tuff tray	Pupils will know how to show interest in and describe the texture of things.
Communication and Language Literacy 3-4 year olds	Read, Fingerwiggly Worms by Felicity Brooks	Pupils will know how to listen at story time. Pupils will be able to talk about familiar books, and be able to tell a long story.
Expressive Art and Design 3-4 year olds	Slimy trail craft (glue and glitter)	Pupils will know how to explore different materials freely, in order to develop an idea.
Expressive Art and Design 3-4 year olds	Spiral paper snail craft	Pupils will know how to explore different materials freely, in order to develop an idea.
Communication and Language Literacy 3-4 year olds	Read, Norman the Slug with the Silly Shell by Sue Hendra	Pupils will know how to listen at story time. Pupils will be able to talk about familiar books, and be able to tell a long story.
Physical Development Expressive Art and Design 3-4 year olds	Guided drawing - snail	Pupils will know how to draw with increasing complexity and detail, such as representing a face with a circle and including details.
Understanding the World 3-4 year olds	Simple map making- where does the snail go?	Pupils will know how to be able to follow a story with props and pictures.
Expressive Art and Design 3-4 year olds	Minibeast rock painting	Pupils will know how to explore different materials freely, in order to develop an idea.

Understanding the World 3-4 year olds	Visit from Tommy the Tortoise	Pupils will know that they need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things.
EXIT POINT	Minibeast den making	
ENTRY POINT Superworm	Superhero dress up day	Pupils will know how to engage in imaginative play
Communication and Language Literacy 3-4 year olds	Read, Superworm by Julia Donaldson	Pupils will know how to listen at story time. Pupils will be able to talk about familiar books, and be able to tell a long story.
Expressive Art and Design 3-4 year olds	Learn and sing 'There's a Worm at the Bottom of the Garden'	Pupils will know how to move freely and with pleasure and confidence in a range of ways, such as slithering, shuffling, rolling, crawling, walking, running, jumping, skipping, sliding and hopping.
Expressive Art and Design 3-4 year olds	Minibeast tuff tray - spaghetti worms	Pupils will know how to show interest in and describe the texture of things.
Physical Development 3-4 year olds	Feeding baby birds finger gym - pegs and cut up pipe cleaners	Pupils will know how to pick up tiny objects using a fine pincer grasp.
Expressive Art and Design 3-4 year olds	Make worm "no sew" sock puppets	Pupils will know how to explore different materials freely, in order to develop an idea.
Expressive Art and Design 3-4 year olds	Watch Superworm film	
Expressive Art and Design Physical Development 3-4 year olds	Minibeast play dough	Pupils will know how to show interest in and describe the texture of things.
Enrichment Links (trips, community links, visitors)	Play Avenue (People Who Help Us Fortnight) Visit from Tommy the tortoise Outdoor minibeast den making	
Cornerstone Values Links	Love: Sharing our Love caring for mini beasts Wonder: Ask questions and explore the natural world Joy: We will show joy as we learn and engage in all activities. Excellence: We will strive for excellence throughout this topic.	