

Activating Prior knowledge:

Children are already aware of a range of living things, particularly farm and Arctic animals, from their previous learning in preschool. Many children also recognise common minibeasts from spending time outdoors with family and friends. They are familiar with creatures such as worms, ladybirds, ants, and spiders, and often show curiosity by looking for them in gardens, parks, and outdoor spaces.

Some children know that minibeasts live in specific habitats, such as under logs, in soil, or on plants, and may already understand that they are small living creatures that need care and respect. They enjoy observing how minibeasts move and behave, and may use simple language to describe them, such as "wiggly," "tiny," or "crawlly."

Key Texts:

- Mad About Minibeasts
- Tad
- The Crunching Munching Caterpillar
- Yucky Worms
- The Angry Ladybird
- Steve the Dung Beetle on a Roll

Teeny Tiny Creatures

Art and DT

- Spider plate craft
- Concertina frogs
- Symmetry butterflies
- Salt dough snails
- Yayoi Kusama - dot art
- Minibeast collage - Eric Carle style

Literacy - Writing

- Life cycles
- Drawing and labelling favourite minibeast
- Describing worms
- Riddles

Understanding of the World

- Life cycle of a frog
- Life cycle of a butterfly
- Children will understand how to look after living things and habitats
- Children will learn facts about focus creatures e.g. frogs are amphibian
- Introduce new WOW words based on Literacy books.