

Preschool: Beautiful Beasts

1. Key Vocabulary:

Communication, Language and Literacy:

So
Or
Talk
Answer
Read
Write

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

Welcome
Invite
Truth
Let
Keep
Follow

Mathematics:

Early
Late
Always
Never
Other
Right

Physical Development/Understanding of the World:

Welcome
Invite
Truth
Let
Keep
Follow

Expressive Arts and Design

Display
Block
Yellow
Activity
Wear
Imagine

2. Curriculum Knowledge

The Preschool children will explore different types of minibeasts, looking at the insects we have in our outside environment.

The children will care for caterpillars and observe the process they go through to turn into a butterfly.

The children will have opportunities to develop their language skills with the exposure to new key terms.



	Enterprise	Communication	Well-Being	Possibilities	Environment
Drivers:	Exploring products that come from insects such as Honey.	Making scientific observations, describing how we see the caterpillars growing over	Understanding the importance of hygiene, washing hands etc.	Jobs involving insects, such as bee keepers, zoologist etc.	Creating bug hotels and caring for the outside environment

3. Communication and Language

We will learn to understand and follow simple instructions relating to the care routines of the minibeasts that we are looking after, further extending the instructions to become more complex.

Each week we will be introduced to a text relating to our topic of Beautiful Beasts. We will focus on listening to longer stories and spend time discussing the events of the story, orally retelling the story in the correct order.

We will continue to develop our conversational skills with adults and friends and learn to hold a conversation for many turns.



4. Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be working on our sharing and turn taking skills as we take turns in observing the caterpillars and ant farm.

We will continue to develop our friendships within the Preschool, and discuss our similarities differences that make us all unique individuals.

We will continue to learn to use toilet with adult's support and continue to develop good hygiene practices.



5. Physical Development

We will continue to develop our gross and fine motor skills. We will learn how to use tools safely and purposefully.

We will learn about healthy choices with regards to food, drink and the importance of keeping good personal hygiene. We will talk about the importance of a good sleep and discuss the impact of physical activity on our bodies.

We will continue to experiment with mark making and using various writing, drawing and cutting tools to develop our fine motor skills for writing.

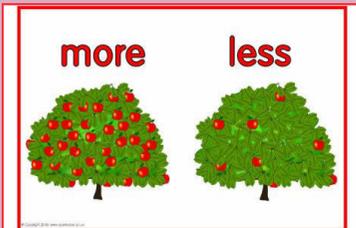


6. Mathematics

Through exploring the natural environment will be undertake bug hunts counting the amount of bugs we can find, developing our counting skills. We will compare amounts and develop our use of mathematical language such as more and less.

We will continue our shape learning by making shape pictures and looking for patterns in the natural world.

We will be developing our puzzle skills working towards completing more complex puzzles.



7. Literacy

Each week children will be introduced to a text relating to our topic of Beautiful Beasts. We will focus on listening to longer stories and spend time discussing the events of the story, orally retelling the story in the correct order. Through focus books, children will continue to answer 'what', 'when' and 'why' questions, further developing their reasoning skills.



As part of phonics development we will also listen to rhymes and identify similarities in rhyming words, as well as listen to the initial sounds in words.

From extended talking opportunities, children will continue to mark make to represent words. A tripod grip will be encouraged when holding their pencil to allow for correct letter formation.

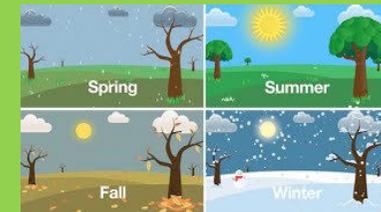


8. Understanding the World

We will use hands on exploration of minibeasts looking closely at their details. We will look after and observe them closely over time, showing care towards living things and nurturing them by providing food, water and habitat.

We will talk about the things we observe in the natural world.

We will learn about the seasons and how the weather changes and how it affects us and other living things.



9. Expressive Art and Design

The children will have creative opportunities to create a variety of insects using different materials, through junk modelling, painting and gluing and sticking. The children will begin to mark making intentionally whilst exploring paint, using fingers and other parts of their bodies as well as brushes and other tools.

We will sing songs related to our topic, learning the words and introducing actions.

