# Theme: Mad about Mini-Beasts



**Date:** WB: 21.5.18

## Investigate

Sorting minibeasts based on their characteristics. Add labels to the groups.

#### **Books**

Mad about Minibeasts, The very hungry caterpillar, The bad tempered ladybird, The very busy spider, What the ladybird heard, The crunching munching caterpillar, Superworm, Aaaarrgghh spider!

#### Make

Create minibeast homes using natural materials.

Make junk model minibeasts.

Paint stones to turn them into minibeasts.

Create symmetrical minibeasts using the paints.

#### Maths

Minibeast Olympics- Teams are arriving from different countries, half are going to play one sport and half playing another. Children will practise halving, using objects.

Miss Thurston & Mrs Gulley's phonic groups

Recap digraphs and develop skills reading cvcc/ccvc/ccvcc words

Mr Neave's phonic group
Recap digraphs and practising blending.

#### At Home

Read your new reading book.

Practise recognising the words of the week

Go for a minibeast hunt and make a list of the ones you find.

Draw and label a minibeast.

## Words

Minibeasts, insects, butterfly, caterpillar, ladybird, fly, bumblebee, grasshopper, beetle, centipede, snail, ant, slug, head, feelers, abdomen, thorax, wing, leg, stingers.

# Words of the Week

Consolidation of tricky words so far- have, like, some, come, do, so, out, one, little, what, when, said, there, were.

## **Philosophy**

Would you rather be a minibeast with legs or a minibeast with wings?

## Christian Distinctiveness

In collective worship we will be exploring the idea of **Thankfulness**.

### Any other news...

Please send in any nice shaped stones you can find for us to paint at school and turn into minibeasts!