

## Communication and Language

### Listening and attention

Listens to stories about minibeasts such as, Minibeast, minibeast, where are you. The Very Hungry Caterpillar with increasing attention and recall  
Listen to facts about minibeasts  
Learn to describe minibeasts

### Understanding

Beginning to understand 'why' questions to do with minibeasts such as 'why do some minibeasts have antennas?'

### Speaking

Share information about the things they know about minibeasts with others  
Name different minibeasts  
Follow instructions on a minibeast hunt

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

### Self-confidence and self-awareness

Feeling proud of their minibeast work

### Managing feelings and behaviour

Talk about the emotion's around the story 'the Bad Tempered Ladybird' and relate it to the emotions they feel or have felt before

### Making Relationships

Participate in minibeast themed role play  
Look at puppet shows themed around minibeasts to explore good and not so good choices  
Sharing and taking turns playing with minibeasts  
Taking turns doing minibeast themed activities  
Work as a group to solve a minibeast problem  
Initiates play, offering cues to peers to join them.

## Understanding the World

### People and communities

Compare minibeasts and identify similarities and differences between them, where they lived, what they ate, what they looked like

### The world

Enjoys playing with small-world models such as a minibeast world  
Notices detailed features of minibeasts  
Can talk about some of the things they have observed on minibeasts

### Technology

Look at information about minibeasts online  
Play games and watch online videos about minibeasts

## Literacy

### Reading

Listen and recall stories such as: Minibeast, minibeast, where are you? The Very Hungry Caterpillar and The Bad Tempered Ladybird  
Joins in with repeated refrains and anticipates key events and phrases in rhymes and stories about minibeasts.  
Handles non-fiction books about minibeasts carefully and holds books the correct way up and turns pages.  
Beginning to be aware of how stories are structured  
Suggests how the story might end. Re-tell stories about minibeasts

Set up mini-beast themed role play area  
Set up small world minibeast play

### Writing

Use their imagination to draw their own minibeasts and begin to use their initial sounds to form recognisable letters

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## Mathematics

### Numbers

Matches numeral to quantity for minibeast activities  
Compares two groups of minibeasts saying when they are the same

### Numbers

Counts how many spots the ladybird has on its back  
Shows an interest in how many different types of minibeasts they find in the environment.  
Realises not only objects, but anything can be counted, including spots, legs, eyes etc.

### Shape, space and measures

Notices simple shapes and patterns in pictures of minibeasts  
Beginning to categorise minibeasts according to properties such as shape or size  
Shows an interest in shape and space by playing with shapes or making arrangements with objects to make a minibeast  
Make minibeast with 2d shapes

## Expressive Arts and Design

### Exploring and using media and materials

Enjoys joining in with dancing and minibeast ring games  
Uses movement to describe their minibeast  
Understands that they can use lines to enclose a space, and then begin to use these shapes to represent the minibeast's face

Draw and paint minibeasts

### Being imaginative

Role-play different minibeasts using props to support  
Paint pictures of minibeasts  
Move in different ways to represent minibeasts  
Learn and sing minibeast songs  
Uses minibeast props to support role-play  
Create minibeasts using different materials and tools or by construction  
Make minibeast food and snacks

## Physical Development

### Moving and handling

Moves freely and with pleasure and confidence in a range of ways like a minibeast, such as like a slithering worm and a crawling ant.  
Move like a minibeast following instructions  
Dance writes to minibeast habitat music  
Cut out and stick together pictures to create a minibeast e.g. cut out legs and stick onto the spider's body  
Fold paper to make a minibeast model  
Use playdough/clay to make a model minibeast  
Pencil control - complete minibeast tracing letters using tripod grip  
Use scissors to cut out dinosaur masks and puzzles  
Can copy some letters, e.g. spider