

Prime areas of learning:

Communication and Language ELG 1/2/3

- **New vocab** - compost, insects, mini beasts, symmetry, cocoon etc.
- Clap out syllable of insect names.
- Tuff spot with different bugs to find.
- What is your favourite bug and why?
- Children to share own experiences about mini beast. Is there a bug your are not keen on?
- Describe how mini beast move.
- How do mini beast make us feel?

Physical development ELG 4/5

- Moving like different insects - Wiggle like a worm, flap like a butterfly, buzz like bee etc.
- Design/make masks for Gym/dance.
- Use a paintbrush and water to leave snail trail.
- Hide plastic bugs and go on a bug hunt.
- Make caterpillar bread using dough - looking at the hungry caterpillar.
- Fine motor skills using clay to make mini beasts.

Personal, social and emotional development ELG 6/7/8

- Discuss looking after mini-beasts both inside and outside and make poster of rules consequences of not caring for mini-beasts.
- Ask a visitor/expert about caring for insects.
- Caring for other pets and looking after the environment.
- Circle time to discuss fear of certain mini-beasts and other things.

Creepy Crawlies



Specific areas of learning:

Literacy ELG 9/10

Texts ideas - "Hungry Caterpillar" -Sequence own version of hungry caterpillar book.

- "The very busy spider" -Change ending + character in Little Miss Muffet to compose own rhyme.
- "The bad tempered ladybird" -Write a letter to the bad tempered ladybird.
- Look at non-fiction books about mini-beast.

Mathematics ELG 11/12

- Contribute to graph showing number of legs for various mini-beasts.
- Explore symmetry using mirrors
- Ladybird domino sets - one more/ one less -Make a mini-beast lotto game.
- Collect snails and have snail races using a timer to see how long they take.

Understanding the world ELG 13/14/15

- Go on a mini-beasts trail in the local environment.
- Observe life cycle of caterpillar - butterfly Label a diagram of the life cycle of caterpillar.
- Make bug dens for the school garden.
- Understand about different insects around the world and their habitats.
- Use magnifying glasses to look at insects more closely and collect data about them.

Expressive arts and design ELG 16/17

- Paint/print symmetrical butterflies.
- Make instruments to sounds like different insects.
- Sew a spider's web onto black card.
- Create, design and make own mini beast.
- Make symmetrical paint butterflies.