

PSED

- Caring for mini-beasts-being gentle when collecting and releasing. What could you do to be kind to a mini-beast when you find one? Link this to feelings-how do you feel when you get hurt? How do you feel when others look after you?
- Find out about the work done by Bees as they fly from flower to flower, collecting nectar to make honey. Think about when you work hard. Identify jobs you can do at home to help work as a team with your family.

Understanding the World

- Make a minibeast hotel in your garden, keep an eye out for any guests!
- Watch the selection of Jess's mini-beast adventures on youtube to find out more about different mini-beasts
- Go on a mini-beast hunt in our garden or when you go for a walk- you could make a list of all of the ones you find. You might like to use a mini-beast checklist to tick off the ones you find or to help identify the names of the different ones you find.
- Investigate the different habitats mini-beasts live in-why do you think they live there?
- Find out about the life cycle of different mini-beasts e.g. caterpillar or ladybird.

Communication & Language

- Listen to and share mini-beast stories with members of your family
- Retell mini-beast stories such as The Very Hungry Caterpillar, making your own puppets/props
- Make observations of mini-beasts you find, talking about what you see with others in your family.

Barnett Wood Reception Learning

Our topic for Summer 2 is...

Our Wonderful World

For the next few weeks we will be learning about 'Mini-beasts' as part of this



Choose from the suggested activities. We would like you to bring in 2 to share with us at school.

Physical Development

- After looking at different types of mini beast, explore different ways of moving like them. Can you wriggle like a worm? Scuttle like a beetle? Slither like a slug?
- Make a large spider web using wool or string between large objects in your house for you to carefully climb through.
- Make mini-beasts out of playdough, squash and squeeze it to make the different shapes.

Expressive Arts and Design

- Make mini-beasts out of playdough/clay
- Design and make your own mini-beast using recycled materials.
- Make a mini-beast mobile
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/makes/presenters-minibeast-mobile>
- Go on a web hunt outside, once you have found some and carefully looked at the patterns, create your own using a mixture of PVA glue and glitter on greaseproof paper. Carefully peel it off once dry.
- Make mini-beasts using paper plates



- Using loose parts create your own mini-beast- remember these don't need to be stuck down, you can take a photograph to record your artwork.
- Make observational drawings of mini-beasts you find, you could add collage to show the texture of different parts.
- Sing mini-beast songs e.g. The Ants go Marching, Incy Wincy, There's a worm at the bottom of the garden.
- When listening to mini-beast songs be an Art Ninja and use pens, paint, chalk, crayons to make marks on large paper to



respond to the music: