

PSED

- How to look after mini-beasts – what they need.
- Playing alongside each other taking on others ideas especially in role play area.
- Talking and listening to each other during our play

Maths

- Count the number of spots on the ladybirds and match the correct numeral.
- Subitising minibeads.
- Measure how long plants are using rulers/cubes
- Counting legs and spots of insects
- Measuring worms
- Snail race discuss how is the fastest/ slowest – ordinal numbers
- Subitising – using insect pictures.
- Learn days of the week – from Jaspers Beanstalk book.
- Measuring different sized plants with non-standard measures e.g. cubes
- Order the beanstalks by height.
- Compost and weighing scales to explore weight
- Order numbers on beans 1-10 or 1-20
- Look at different seeds found in fruit and veg. Classify according to shape and size.
- Use money in the role play garden centre.

I wonder what's at the Bottom of the Garden – Summer 1

Literacy

READING →

- Non-fiction reading about mini-beasts
- Reading words on bugs
- V.H.C. Story map in the reading area
- Read the book the bad tempered ladybird – circle time why was he cross? What makes you cross?

WRITING →

- Caterpillar name writing.
- Labelling a mini-beast
- Initial sounds of mini beasts using magnetic letters
- Caterpillar game
- CVC phoneme frames.

Physical Development

- Move like a mini-beasts – wiggle like a worm, flap like a butterfly, buzz like a bee
- Hide plastic bugs in the mud – go on a bug hunt
- Finger gym – hole punch leaves, threading, pegs and peg boards.

Communication and Language

- New language: compost, insects, mini-beasts, cocoon, stem, root, life-cycle.
- Talk about what our favourite bug is and why?
- Describe the mini-beasts
- P4C – Should the V.H.C. have eaten all the food?
- Garden centre/ florist role-play area.
- V.H.C Story table.
- Write labels for garden centre.
- Write a bean diary as a class.
- Talk about plants that grow to provide us with food & drink.

Understanding the World

- life cycles
- Sort animals into different categories
- Make bug hotels and bird feeders
- Create a mini-beasts maze
- Cut up/chop herbs
- Make a healthy pack up
- Go on a mini-beast hunt.
- Name some simple parts of a plant e.g. leaves, stem, petals.
- What do seeds need to grow? –
- Plant broad beans in transparent jars & observe their growth.
- Talk about farmers and the work they do – look at where food comes from.

Expressive Arts and Design

- Paper plate snail
- Spider webs – bottle tops and string
- Printing bugs
- Caterpillar/mini-beast pegsSponge printing caterpillars
- Mini-beast sketching
- Make flowers (daffodils, bluebells, snowdrops etc.) – use various materials like straws, egg boxes.
- Learn songs about plants e.g. sunflower song
- Make a nature bracelet
- 'Sunflowers' by Van Gogh.