

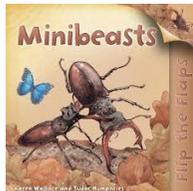
EYFS Knowledge Organiser – Minibeasts

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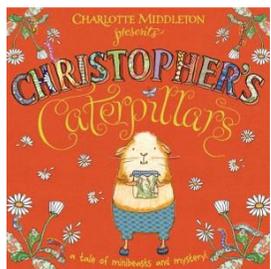
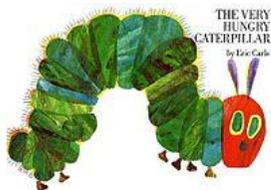
Reception
Nursery

Quality texts:

Non-fiction:



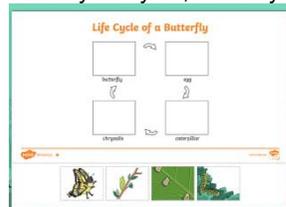
Fiction:



First Hand / Real Life Learning Experiences

UW – Working Scientifically / Geographical Development

- Photos of different types of insects from around the world
- Lifecycle books: find out how other insects/animals grow?
- Feeling different insects investigating them using the magnifying glasses
- Timelapse videos of growth
- Building bug hotels, investigating bug hotel outside
- Make a wormery
- Forest school mini beast hunt looking at different habitats
- Caring for mini beast-butterfly kit
- Insect tally chart - how many wings, legs etc.
- Mud kitchen: making worm pies
- Frog lifecycle
- Mini beast small world
- Butterfly lifecycle, butterfly kit



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- Understand 'why' questions.
- Ask questions to find out more and to check they understand what has been said to them
- Use a wider range of vocabulary
- Use new vocabulary in different contexts.
- Start a conversation with an adult or a friend and continue it for many turns
- Connect one idea or action to another using a range of connectives
- Engage in non-fiction books
- Enjoy listening to longer stories and can remember much of what happens
- Retell the story, some as exact repetition and some in their own words.

Writing Genres

Reception

- Fact card
- Story retelling/Innovated story
- Describe character feelings

Nursery

- Name writing
- Fact card: Initial sounds
- Describe insects
- Story retelling

EAD / Music

- Use instruments to create sound effects for different insects
- Listen to different sounds of insects
- Minibeast nursery rhymes e.g. Incy Wincy
- Create own bug dance

Key Vocabulary

Minibeast, lifecycle, metamorphosis, caterpillar, tadpole, insect, habitat, wings, horns, antennae, legs, shell, chrysalis, cocoon

Key Questions

- What is a minibeast?
- Where do minibeasts live?
- How are minibeasts different to each other? Features of different insects
- What is a lifecycle? What is the lifecycle of a butterfly/frog?
- What does metamorphosis mean?
- How do you care for a minibeast?

EAD / Art Processes and Techniques

Make ladybirds/bees: teach using paintbrushes

Make butterfly prints: folded paper painting or sponges



Observational drawing of insects: Understands that they can use lines to enclose a space, and then begin to use these shapes to represent objects.

EAD / Designing and Making Techniques

Design a bug hotel: construct with a purpose in mind

Junk model insects: Understands that different media can be combined to create new effects.

Paperplate butterfly/spider web

Using cardboard rolls print make circles to create a caterpillar.

EAD / Being Imaginative

Dancing to songs and moving to music

Acting out Hungry Caterpillar/Christopher's Caterpillars

Role play: pretending to be an insect