

Topic: Why do Ladybirds have spots

Year Group:

Summer

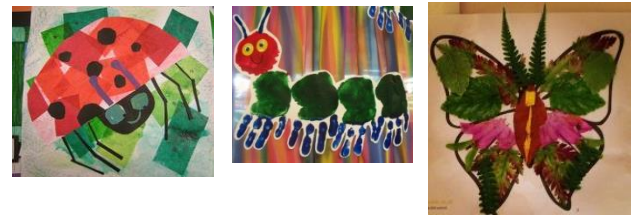
Reception

Key Knowledge

During this half term we are going to be learning about some of the Minibeasts that live in our homes and gardens. We will learn about what is the same and what is different between insects and other minibeasts. We are going to be investigating where different minibeasts like to live and why they are important to us. We will be sharing lots of stories about Minibeasts to help us learn more about these creatures.

Expressive Art and Design

We will be learning about Minibeasts through art. We will be exploring the pattern and colours of minibeasts. We will look at the artist Eric Carle who illustrated the 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' for inspiration. We will look at different mediums such as paint and collage to make our minibeast pictures.



Key Questions

How does being green and brown help Minibeasts such as stick insects?

What Minibeasts can we find in the local area and where?

How are ladybirds different to other Minibeasts?

How do Bees make honey?

Why do snails have a shell?

What is the difference between slugs and snails?

How does a caterpillar change?

What does a butterfly look like as a baby?

Does the butterfly look like its babies? How long does the life cycle take?

Why are butterflies brightly coloured?

Key Vocabulary

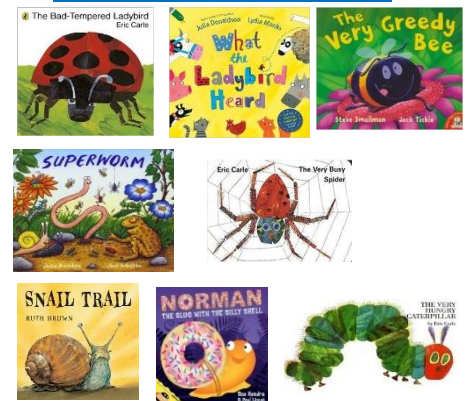
Minibeast-a creature without a backbone.

Camouflage-a way of hiding by covering or colouring so that it looks like its surroundings.

Insects-a creature with 6 legs.

Life-cycle- the stages a living thing goes through.

Our Texts will be....



Understanding the World

You will look at the similarities and differences between minibeasts and be able to group them. We will be able to explore the school grounds and look for minibeasts. We will look at the lifecycle of a butterfly and how it changes as it grows. We will learn to show care and concern to living things.

Try this at home

Can you make a bug hotel?

Can you make a minibeast out of paper plates?

Take a walk around your local area. What minibeasts can you find?

Can you make a model minibeast?

Tricky Words

Lifecycle, Minibeasts, habitat, camouflage, insects,