



Snowdrops Class Home Learning Topic Term 5

Minibeasts



ENGLISH

During this term we will be learning all about minibeasts. Through exploring information texts, we will learn all about the characteristics of minibeasts and their habitats. Then we will be exploring the works of Eric Carle (*The Very Quiet Cricket*, *The Bad Tempered Ladybird* and *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*) and will be writing simple sentences about the minibeast's adventures.

Suggested Learning Support Activities

- Chose a story about a minibeast to read together at home.
- Make minibeast puppets and act out the stories at home.
- When reading with your child, ask them to identify familiar words and sounds and to repeat some sounds/ statements.
- Use websites such as <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/Phase1Menu.htm> and <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/kids-activities/games--1/> which have a variety of phonics and spelling games to play.
- Try changing your voice for the different characters.
- Find out any minibeast facts from books you have at home or from the internet. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/mini-beast-adventure-with-jess>
- Ask your child to come up with their own minibeast adventure in the garden (maybe your minibeast could be a superhero?).

MATHS

This term we will be the Snowdrops will be working hard to recognise the numerals up to 20 and match them with the correct quantity. Following this, we will introduce basic addition, counting from two groups and identifying the number bonds to ten. Some of us may start looking at subtraction too.

Suggested Learning Support Activities

- Encourage your child to count, order, match and write numbers accurately.
- Play board games and encourage your child to look at the number on the dice and count as they move along the board.
- Count different items in your house (teddies, pillows, spoons etc).
- Encourage your child to add 1 digit numbers together to find out the amount. They could use pictures of minibeasts to aid with this.
- Use websites such as <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/3-5-years/counting> and <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/kids-activities/fun-maths-games-and-activities/> which have a large variety of interactive counting an adding games your child can play.

Science

In Science, our learning will be focused around developing our observation skills. We will be going on a minibeast hunt and using the five senses to explore minibeast habitats. We will then use what we have discovered to try and sort the minibeasts into groups. Finally, the Snowdrops will learn about the life cycle of a butterfly, watching caterpillars turn into butterflies in the classroom.

Suggested Learning Support Activities

- Encourage your child to go on a minibeast hunt in the garden and talk about what they have seen.
- Play minibeast snap to learn the names of the different minibeasts.
- Make a cosy habitat for your favourite minibeast.
- Sort pictures of minibeasts into groups (legs v. no legs, wings v. no wings).
- Watch videos about the lifecycle of a butterfly (many good examples are on www.youtube.com).