

Reception learning overview Summer 2

This half term in our **Minibeasts** and **Seaside** topics we will...

Communication, Language and Literacy

- Play in the role play areas – a bug den and a seaside café / shop
- Ask and answer questions about minibeasts and the animals that live in the sea.
- Practise and consolidate the sounds we have learned since September
- Write invitations to minibeasts and riddles about sea creatures
- Encourage the children to write during their child initiated learning and to use their knowledge of tricky words for reading and in their independent writing

How you can help at home

- Share the reading books daily and comment in the reading diary
- **Daily** practise of the phonemes and tricky words in the zippy wallet
- Share the books, games and activities on Bug Club
- Complete the talking homework activities
- Ask your child to write simple sentences that they have thought of themselves using their letter sounds



Personal, Social, Emotional Development

- Continue to introduce the children to the UNCRC Rights of the Child
- Find out how we change as we grow
- Talk about moving to Y1 and how we feel about that
- Discuss what we are looking forward to
- Share our memories about YR

Expressive Arts and Design

- Use drama to act out our imaginative stories
- Explore model making and collage
- Mix colours and paint pictures
- Use watercolours to explore warm colours



Mathematics

- Explore the concepts of addition and subtraction by telling “First, Then, Now” stories
- Represent number bonds to 10 and start to learn some of them by heart
- Start to explore the concepts of grouping and sharing
- Have a first look at odd and even numbers
- Continue to encourage the children to work collaboratively to solve mathematical problems
- Recognise and name 2D and 3D shapes



How you can help at home

- Play board games like Snakes and Ladders
- Talk about and start to learn by heart the number bonds to 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, for example, $2+4=6$.
- Count anything and everything! Count pennies in your purse, pasta in the jar, cars in the carpark, steps on the staircase, everything!
- Look for pairs and doubles – ask your child to pair the socks or shoes in the shoe rack

Understanding the World

- Use books, photographs and online research to find out about minibeasts, where we might find them, what they eat and what they do
- Go on a minibeast hunt in our lovely school grounds
- Find out about the animals that live under the sea and ask why they live there
- Explore floating and sinking
- Find out what it was like to visit the seaside long ago
- Learn about special things in RE including things that are special for Sikhs

Physical Development

- Participate in team and relay games
- Experience dodgeball with specialist coaches
- Focus on the correct formation of letters as we continue formal handwriting through Kinetic Letters
- Go on welly walks around the school grounds



YR Summer 2 Minibeasts and Seaside

Key knowledge:

- To know the names of some of the most common minibeasts
- To know the life cycle of a butterfly
- To know that many minibeasts change during their lives
- To know that sea creatures are adapted to survive in their habitat
- To know that we have a responsibility to look after our oceans

Key vocabulary - Minibeasts

minibeast	A small animal without a backbone.
insect	A minibeast with six legs and three parts to their body.
spider	A minibeast with 8 legs and a pair of pincers or fangs.
antennae	Feelers that help a minibeast to smell and touch.
life cycle	The stages in the life of an animal.
habitat	A place where an animal or plant lives.

Things to try at home.

- Go to the park and keep your eyes peeled for minibeasts.
- Collect pebbles and paint them to make them look like different minibeasts.
- Visit the fish section at Pets at Home.

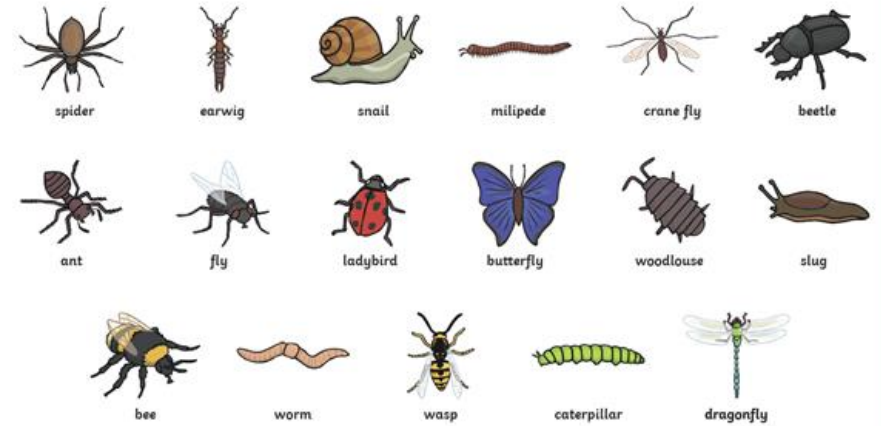
Key vocabulary – Seaside

ocean	A large area of salt water.
diver	A person who swims underwater.
coast	The place where land meets the sea.
rock pool	A pool of water among rocks.
pollution	When there is harmful materials in the environment.
shipwreck	The remains of a ship which has been sunk.

Key Questions

- What is a minibeast?
 Where do minibeasts live?
 What do minibeasts eat?
 How are minibeasts different from each other?
 What animals live in the sea?
 How do animals survive in the ocean?
 How can we take care of our oceans?

Minibeast Word Mat



Under the Sea

