



## Nursery Spring 2- Minibeasts, plants and animals

### Topic Overview

In Spring 2, the children will learn about various minibeasts and animals from in our garden and around the world. We will look at growth and change through planting our very own seeds to observe nature and its fabulous journey into bloom. This topic will allow the children to explore differences in their own growth and the wider world around them. The children will continue their focused phonics groups, looking at letter sounds and applying it into their everyday writing skills.

### Big Bang

To bring all of our new knowledge and learning together we will be holding a minibeast ball at the end of term. The children will use their phonics knowledge to help write invitations and design their own minibeast costumes to wear.

## Our Learning Overview

### Minibeasts, plants and animals

#### Mathematics

In Maths, we will continue to explore pattern and shape and numbers up to 5. We will use a range of activities and resources to become familiar with early mathematical experiences and explore positional language, 1:1 counting and number comparison.

#### Literacy

In literacy, we will explore various mark-making techniques by using a wide range of materials. We will continue to practise writing our name, looking at letter formation in various materials of glitter, paint and foam.

#### Understanding the World

We will continue to explore the world around us through a range of key texts in relation to our topic. We will be considering care and kindness to our natural environment its inhabitants, while also looking at growth and change of caterpillars and tadpoles.

#### PSED

We will be talking about the importance of taking care of the nature around us, from the tiny seed we just planted to the wriggly worm we found. We will learn about responsibilities by caring for our plants, feeding and watering them to help them grow.

#### Communication and Language

We will be effective communicators by exploring, challenging and questioning within the natural environment. We will have small group discussions talking about changes we have noticed and predict what we think will happen next.

#### Expressive Art and Design

In art and design, we will observe and use nature as our inspiration for patterning in various ways. We will explore the different textures and introduce transient art.

#### Physical Development

We will be building on our gross and fine motor skills to help give us the best possible start for early writing. We will be using large brushes to paint in the garden and tweezers to help sort through different seeds and beans.

### Key Texts



