



## **Nursery Spring 2- My Garden- Minibeasts**

### **Topic Overview**

In Spring 2, the children will learn about various minibeasts 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**

#### **Mathematics**

In Maths, we will continue to explore pattern & shape and numbers upto 5. We will use a range of activities and resources to become familiar with early mathematical experiences and to match, sort and compare.

#### **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 a variety of materials of foam, glitter and paint.

#### **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 and habitats. 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 that is around us, from the tiny seed we 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, our focus author is Georgia O'Keefe. We will be capturing nature at its finest with still life drawings, focusing on perspectives and using oil pastels and blending techniques.

#### **Physical Development**

In 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**

