



Session Outline: Minibeasts Reception

EYFS: The experience of the trip will contribute towards multiple aims of the EYFS framework.

Understanding the world involves guiding children to make sense of their physical world and their community through opportunities to explore, observe and find out about people, places, technology and the environment

Communication and language development involves giving children opportunities to experience a rich language environment; to develop their confidence and skills in expressing themselves; and to speak and listen in a range of situations

Learning objectives	Session structure	
<p>That minibeasts can live in a wide variety of habitats Minibeasts are suited to living in particular habitats Minibeasts are small and need looking after</p>	<p>Introduction We welcome the children to the centre and have a chat to assess where their understanding currently is. We discuss what a minibeast is and we may play a simple game or sing a minibeast song.</p> <p>Swimming minibeasts We use nets to catch creatures from one of our ponds. We discuss how the creatures move, what they are called and what they will turn in to.</p> <p>Crawling minibeasts We hunt for crawling minibeasts on the woodland floor and in trees. We read Ladybird Moves Home to help us to discuss different minibeast habitats</p> <p>Flying minibeasts We use sweep nets and tree bashing to find creatures that live in the grass on trees. In wet weather we use mirrors to look under leaves. We play a bee game to discuss the role of bees, and we discuss the ladybird lifecycle</p> <p>Sliding minibeasts We visit the vegetable patch and the wormery so that children can meet a worm. We then have a hunt for other sliding minibeasts around the site, and we test our luck at worm charming.</p>	
Before your visit	After your visit	Key vocabulary
<p>Discuss where you are going: have a look on a map to see the route. Notice the river and canal that the bus will pass over Have a discussion about minibeasts and how we have to take care of them because they are so small</p>	<p>Identify good places to find minibeasts in the school grounds Draw or paint minibeasts and send some of the pictures for our children's letters board</p>	<p>Minibeast Woodland Meadow Pond Crawl, fly, slide, swim Antennae</p>