

Year: Nursery
Summer 2: Living creatures

Special experiences:

Caterpillars to Butterflies
Sporty Fun
Transition day to reception
Harvesting our vegetables

Key Texts:

The Very Hungry Caterpillar
What the ladybird heard
The Gruffalo
We're going on a bear hunt
Hooray for fish
Non-fiction books about mini beasts and other animals

PSED:

Becoming more outgoing towards unfamiliar people and more confident in new social situations
Preparing for transition to Reception
Consolidating sharing and turn taking strategies
Remembering our manners

Communication and language:

Building up vocabulary to reflect experiences and topic
Using more complex sentences to connect ideas.
Questioning why things happen and giving explanations
Using a range of tenses

Physical Development:

Sporty fun, exploring a range of different physical activities
Increased opportunities for writing and/or mark making
Encouraging children to write their names independently

Health and self-care:

Encouraging independence throughout the nursery day
Practising changing into gym kits

Main Themes:

Mini Beasts
Farm animals
Sea creatures
Woodland animals
Bears
Jungle animals

Literacy:

Introducing alliteration
Rhyming strings
Understanding that books can be both fiction and non-fiction

Maths:

Starting to match numerals and quantity
Showing an interest in numerals in the environment

Understanding the World:

Understanding growth and changes over time (eg caterpillar to butterfly)
Where do things come from? (Eggs, milk, wool)
Showing care and concern for living things and the environment, recycling and keeping our garden tidy

EAD:

Mini beasts/animals arts and crafts.
Using iPads and cameras
Bear hunt obstacle course