

### **Communication and Language**

We will be exploring the story of 'The Bad-Tempered Ladybird' by Eric Carle. We will act out stories in our small world and role play areas, both in and outdoors and think about how our voice and body shows how we are feeling, we will explore the mood puppets and the story of 'The Colour Monster'

### **Personal and social development**

We will be settling into our new class, exploring the setting in and outdoors. We will learn how to care for all living things and the natural world. We will talk about our feelings and the Bad-Tempered Ladybird's behaviour and how we should treat one another. We will listen to the poem 'Hurt no living thing' by Christina Rossetti.

### **Physical development**

We will engage in lots of funky finger activities - weaving spider's webs, making minibeasts using playdough, cutting, painting and threading plus explore the outdoors using our gross motor skills - digging, large construction and building. We will take part in dance sessions and Cosmic yoga with a minibeast theme.

## **Minibeasts**

### **Early Years**

### **Understanding of the world**

We will be investigating our wild garden, hunting for minibeasts, asking questions about their habitats. We will look at a variety of minibeasts and look at similarities, patterns and change recording our findings in a variety of ways. We will explore new scientific vocabulary to help us describe the world around us and we will look at the importance of flowers in the natural environment.

### **Literacy**

We will listen to lots of stories about different minibeasts, explore both fiction and non-fiction texts. We will use the technology in order to find out. We will retell the story of the Bad-Tempered Ladybird and we will collectively make a class book. We will write 'caterpillar names' and we will begin to take part in our daily Phonics sessions

### **Maths**

We will look at Ladybirds to explore both the concepts of doubling and halving. We will investigate the symmetry of natural objects and ladybirds. We will explore numbers to 10 in lots of different situations, both in and outdoors. We will take part in lots of number action rhymes and order the days of the week with the Hungry Caterpillar.

### **Expressive arts and design**

We will be exploring the many role play areas - investigation area, minibeast tuff spot and bug hotel. We will use the technique of printing in the style of Eric Carle. We will make observational drawings of minibeasts, flowers and look at 'The snail' by Henri Matisse. We will design bug hotels using natural resources and paint 'ladybird' rocks to add to our small world play.