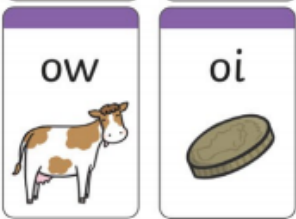





Weekly Topic Tasks for Reception - Minibeasts



Summer Term - second half term topic is 'Amazing Animals'

	<p>Practice saying the phase 2 and 3 sounds on this PowerPoint: https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-l-1058-letters-and-sounds-phases-2-3-powerpoint</p> <p>Or that are on this sheet: https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-l-507-combined-phase-2--3-sound-mats</p> <p>Please practice any sounds that you are unsure of. Write words with these sounds in and use these words to write sentences too.</p>
<p>Maths practice</p>	<p>The focus this week is recognising, writing and counting the numbers to 20.</p> <p>Watch Number blocks series 4 episode 14 counting to 20. https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m0006s5g/numberblocks-series-4-i-can-count-to-twenty</p> <p>Then have a go at writing the numbers 1-10 then 10-20.</p> <p>Cut out the numbers, mix them up, can your child re-order them to? How quickly can they do it? Time them to see if they get quicker each time.</p> <p>Challenge your child to count accurately to 20, encourage them to move an object every time they say a number. E.G. Can you count out 13 pieces of pasta? Find 17 Lego bricks? Draw 15 stars? etc.</p> <p>If they're confident with numbers to 20 have a go with numbers up to 30, then 40.</p>
<p>Monday</p>	<p>Watch the first 5 mins of the video to introduce a few minibeasts and discuss using the following link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JuHg5oWF_mo</p> <p>Can you write a sentence or two about something that you have learnt? Don't forget to start with a capital letter, leave clear finger spaces and finish with a full stop.</p>
<p>Tuesday</p>	<p>Go hunting! Have a look outside on leaves and flowers as well as under sticks, rocks, bins etc. What minibeasts can you find? Did you look carefully and count their legs? Insects have 6 legs and spiders have 8. Did you find any mini beasts with wings? We've attached a checklist if you would like to use it to help you.</p>
<p>Wednesday</p>	<p>Time to get crafty! Have a go at making a spider. You could make one using a toilet roll or you might have another idea of your own.</p>

	 <p>You might want to make a different minibeast. That's fine. We can't wait to see what they look like!</p>
Thursday	<p>Watch the last 5 mins of the video to introduce a few more minibeasts and discuss.</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JuHg5oWF_mo</p> <p>Can you write a sentence or two about something that you have learnt? Don't forget to start with a capital letter, leave clear finger spaces and finish with a full stop.</p>
Friday	<p>We've attached a sheet that tells you how you could make a minibeast hotel. Have a go at making one then look over the weekend and the next few weeks to see if you have any guests!</p>

(Twinkl has many activities relating to 'minibeasts' if you so wish!)

Dear children,

We hope you are all well and that you have been enjoying half term and some sunny weather.

We're still really enjoying looking at all of the wonderful things that you've been doing through Tapestry. It looks like you're working really hard as well as having lots of fun!

Before half term the teachers and teaching assistants were really busy in school trying to get the classrooms ready for when we return. It was quite strange being in and having no children. It did cheer us up when we saw all of your photographs and wonderful work on the walls though! We have also been busy emailing each other and having virtual meetings, making lots of plans.

Mrs Constable has been having fun with her children playing badminton, going on bicycle rides and dog walks. She's also bought a few new recipe books so has been making lots of different meals and sweet treats for her family. She even made some dog treats for William! All of the sunflowers have grown and are in the garden now except for Alex's as he overwatered it thinking it would make it grow quicker! Oops!

Mrs Fawbert has been getting as much of her school work done as she can before returning to school. She's still enjoying hide and seek games in the woods with her children, though Charlie fell into a big nettle bush so that was nasty! They have done lots of baking and been having yummy BBQs in the sunshine.

Mrs Gray has had lots of fun in the paddling pool, doing experiments in the garden and finding new places to walk and explore. It's been a very busy week!

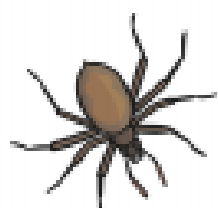
Take care,

Best wishes,

The Reception Team.

Minibeast Hunt

Tick the minibeasts that you have found!



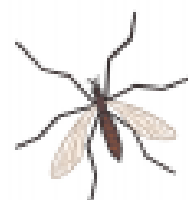
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beetle ☐



crane fly
(daddy-long-legs) ☐



earwig ☐



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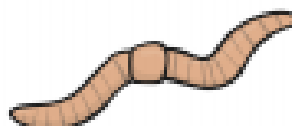
ladybird ☐



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caterpillar ☐



Make Your Own Minibeast Hotel

Outdoor Activity

You will need:

A suitable container or area in your outdoor area, preferably wooden

Compost

Fertile soil

Pieces of wood (various sizes)

Different sized/shaped stones

Bricks

Old roof tiles

Clay drainage tubes

Fir cones

Dry leaves

Bark

Straw, hay

Dead wood/sticks

Plants that will attract insects



Method

1. Choose either an area in your outdoor area or a wooden container and place it on the ground.
2. If the container hasn't already got holes in, make some holes in the bottom. That will create drainage and let minibeasts crawl in.
3. Fill the container with compost and fertile soil.
4. Use your resources to build various places for minibeasts to live.
5. Woodlice and beetles will like wood/sticks and if stacked, the minibeasts can crawl through them.
6. Plants will attract the crawling bugs like caterpillars, snails and spiders.
7. Butterflies and bees will like nectar-rich flowering plants.
8. It's up to you how much you put in your bug hotel.
9. Observe the hotel over time and see which minibeasts it attracts.
10. Can you find out which areas each kind of minibeast like best?

