

Nursery and Reception

Our Natural World

Summit: Performance of Understanding...

To demonstrate their learning, children will become nature experts by researching a chosen animal or minibeast, creating a wildlife fact file, and presenting it at a class exhibition.



Areas of Learning & Experience Children will:

- Begin to understand the natural world and their place within it
- Explore how caring for the environment supports sustainability
- Recognise that their actions can help protect living things.

Humanities

- Count, sort and compare minibeasts
- Use simple tallying and pictorial recording
- Sequence lifecycles using appropriate mathematical language (first, next, last)

Mathematics & Numeracy

- Observe and represent animals and minibeasts through drawing, painting and model-making
- Express ideas, observations and experiences creatively

Expressive Arts

Texts: The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Tadpole's Promise, Nature's Tiny Miracle BEE.
Genres: Narrative - story, explanation - leaflet, recount - experience.
Develop vocabulary linked to nature and lifecycles.
Share information through talk.

Literacy Language & Communication

- Observe changes over time
- Ask questions and make predictions
- Explore living things and identify patterns in lifecycles

Science & Technology

- Demonstrate care and empathy for living things
Take responsibility when handling and caring for animals
- Develop confidence through sharing learning with others

Health & Wellbeing

Concepts:

- Change
- Responsibility
- Curiosity and Inquiry

Human Rights:

- Article 24 & 29: Right to education and a safe, healthy environment.

Sustainable Development Goals

- Climate Action

Diversity & Culture

- Understanding that people around the world value and care for animals and environments in different ways.



WOW: Experience to stimulate curiosity...

Arrival of live caterpillars with a special letter from a butterfly zoo.

Lifelong Learning: As a result of this inquiry, children will develop an understanding...

of the importance of the natural world and learn how to care for and respect nature, animals and wildlife. They will investigate the lifecycles of butterflies, frogs and bees and recognise the vital role minibeasts play in our environment.