

## Fl home learning – Minibeasts/Spring

**Going outdoors** – bug hunting within the garden – taking pictures (using technology) of the different insects you find as well as using the 'mini easy hunt checklist' (Twinkl)

Also looking at signs of spring within the garden and again taking evidence of findings.

Planting seeds such as cress and taking care of them. Watch them grow and keep a weekly log on the growth as well as drawing pictures.

Use Nature Detectives for various activities to do at home

<https://naturedetectives.woodlandtrust.org.uk/naturedetectives/>

**Reading** various stories and researching mini beasts on the internet.

Books such as;

- 1) Hairy, scary spider – Twinkl- resources to accompany
- 2) The cautious caterpillar – Twinkl e-book.
- 3) The hungry caterpillar- looking at the days of the week etc
- 4) Superworm
- 5) You tube stories – Bug hunt by Tom Story,  
What are insects?
- 6) Information video 'minibeasts adventures with Jess' on You tube.
- 7) General reading of your child's favourite books.

Encourage the children to re-tell familiar stories to you and your family using the pictures.

## Pencil control

Writing names

Observational drawings- using flowers from within the garden- ask the children to use a variety of colours to draw their own wonderful spring flower picture.

## Songs, rhymes and rhythm

Practising rhyming and matching rhyming words- hat, mat, cat, bat etc.

Singing songs –

'Spring song' (to the tune of twinkle twinkl little star)

Spring, spring is coming soon,

Grass is green and flowers bloom,

Birds returning from the south,  
Bees are buzzing all about,  
Leaves are budding everywhere,  
Spring, spring is finally here!

- can the children create actions to accompany the song.

### April - rhyme

April is a rainbow month,  
Of sudden spring time showers,  
Bright with golden daffodils  
And lots of pretty flowers.

### Science experiments

Make a rainbow - using skittles around the edge of a small plate- add warm water and watch a rainbow appear.

Other science experiments for younger children -

<https://www.firstdiscoverers.co.uk/early-years-science-activities-eyes/>

### Art and design

Dancing to music- singing and dancing to their favourite songs  
Make music shakers using rice, pasta and toilet tubes.  
Junk box models to make mini-beasts- taking pictures of their designs.

### Personal, social and emotional

Give your children responsibilities throughout the household.  
Sharing a family meal and talking/recapping the things you have done that day.

### Physical development

Baking/ helping make the tea- cutting vegetables (under supervision)  
-Weighing ingredients using scales etc.

Playing games such as musical statues  
Making obstacle courses around the home/garden  
Painting your own minibeasts using water in the garden.  
Building insects homes using Lego/wooden blocks

## Communication, language and literacy

Story telling using teddies, toys and puppets, using old socks, lolly sticks and straws etc.  
Playing guessing games 'I'm thinking of a bug that's got...'

Learn sign language using you tube/CBeebies Chanel.

## Numeracy

Singing number songs

Counting towers - build a tower and count who has the most blocks before it falls over.

Create a bowling game using toilet tubes- count how many you have knocked down and how many are left.

Add numbers to pegs/blocks and order them from 0-10

Counting petals on flowers in the garden.

Finding shapes within the home - i.e a clock is a circle.