# Reception Topic Overview - Summer 1

#### **Quality Texts:**

The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Mad about Minibeasts, The Amazing Life Cycle of Plants, Tad, Tadpole's Promise, Insect Emporium

#### Communication and Language:

- We will be learning a range of new vocabulary from our stories, rhymes and poems
- We will be learning minibeast poems by heart and performing them to our peers

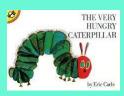
#### Vocabulary:

Caterpillar, chrysalis, butterfly, life cycle, egg, transformation, metamorphosis, insect, larva, pupa, seed, shoot, roots, flower, fruit.

#### Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

- We will start to set and work towards simple goals, learning to wait and control our immediate impulses.
- We will learn to show more independence, resilience and perseverance in the face of a challenge

## Topic: The Circle of Life







#### Physical Development:

- We will be working on developing our strength, balance and coordination when playing
- We will continue to develop our pencil grip in preparation for fluent writing

#### Literacy:

- We will be listening to a range of fiction and non-fiction texts and discussing the new vocabulary that we hear.
- We will be writing lists, instructions, annotating drawings and writing poems about minibeasts. In these activities we will be using our phonic knowledge to write simple words and sentences.

#### Mathematics:

- We will practise continuing the counting sequence and identifying missing numbers within it.
- We will be using 10-frames to support our developing sense of numbers to 10 and to foster a deep understanding of the composition of these numbers.
- We will using finger patterns to represent 2 parts of 10, using the 'fingers up and fingers down' approach

### **Understanding of The World:**

- We will be observing the life cycle of a butterfly first hand, talking about what we notice and drawing pictures of what we see
- We will be exploring the natural world outside and describing the plants and minibeasts we discover.
- We will be growing seeds and watching them grow as we learn about what plants need to survive and thrive

#### Expressive Arts & Design:

- We will be experimenting with collage techniques to create our own butterfly pictures
- We will be refining our drawing skills in our guided drawing activities
- We will be performing our minibeast poems to our friends



