


Reception Topic Overview - Summer 1

Topic: The Circle of Life

Quality Texts: The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Mad about Minibeasts, The Amazing Life Cycle of Plants, Tad, Tadpole's Promise, Insect Emporium	Vocabulary: Caterpillar, chrysalis, butterfly, life cycle, egg, transformation, metamorphosis, insect, larva, pupa, seed, shoot, roots, flower, fruit.		
Communication and Language: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	Personal, Social and Emotional Development: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	Physical Development: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	

