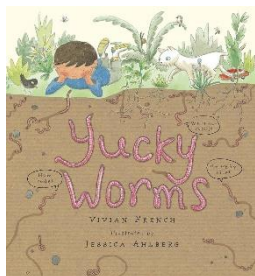


# Minibeasts

Reception  
Summer 1 Term 2026



## Key Areas of Learning

As confident communicators, children continue to expand their vocabulary through everyday routines, stories, rhymes, and songs. Interactive storytelling introduces new language while promoting active listening, discussion, and participation. As active learners, children strengthen their physical skills through activities such as climbing, navigating obstacle courses, and moving safely within shared spaces. They work together to design their own play environments, using equipment and resources in creative and purposeful ways. As caring members of the school community, children are developing an awareness of others' feelings and needs. Through stories, discussions, and positive interactions, they explore a range of emotions and practice strategies to manage their own feelings with increasing independence.

### Literacy

As early readers and writers, the children will be continuing to develop their phonics knowledge by blending sounds into words and beginning to read and write sentences.

The children will be using elements of the class text to inform phrase and sentence writing, as well as continuing to label their artwork and mark make around the environment.

### Mathematics

As mathematicians, we are continuing to strengthen our counting skills past 20 and use our subitising skills to identify amounts to 10.

Using their knowledge of numbers, the pupils will explore how numbers to and past 10 are made, as well as identifying patterns in the number system such as doubles, odd and evens.

### Understanding the World

As we move through spring and into summer, the children will be investigating the nature garden. There will be opportunities to find minibeasts, plant seeds and watch as plants grow, as well as maintaining what they have planted by providing them with what they need.

Pupils will be exposed to natural changes, as well as the habitats where minibeasts live, allowing them to investigate independently.

### Expressive Arts and Design

Our outdoor stage area will be used for musical performances using instruments as well as opportunities for role-play.

Pupils will be looking at key features of different minibeasts and use a range of media and materials to make their own minibeasts, including bees, butterflies, ladybirds and worms.

### Physical Development

In PE, the children will be developing teamwork skills in net and wall games.

Pupils will be preparing for Sports Day by practicing the fundamental skills they have developed throughout the year and applying them to the different events they will be participating in.

### Experiences

### Whole School Events and Themes

- 01/05/26- PTA Quiz Night starting at 5.30pm
- 6/5/26- Nursery stay and play – Minibeasts
- 20/5/26 – Nursery stay and play – Rhyme time
- 21/05/26- Reception Stay and Learn (Maths)