



Weekly Essentials

Daily Reading

Try to read a range of story books and information books. You might also like to read comics and magazines.

You can find these on
www.oxfordowl.co.uk

Weekly Activities you could try

- Write a sentence describing the main character or setting.
- Draw a picture that shows the beginning, middle and end of the story.
- Read a book to a teddy or a pet.

Online Lessons

If you would like to take part in optional online lessons, we can recommend the following 2 learning platforms.

The Oak National Academy

This website was created so schools all across the country can access online lessons developed by specialist teachers.

There are 2 options to choose from so you can select the option that suits your child and your time commitments the best.

Option 1 – Subject
 This allows you to dip in and out of individual lessons.

Option 2 – Schedule
 This works through lessons in a sequence and provides 3 lessons per day.

BBC Bitesize

Project ideas you might like to try

Maths

Use ladybird templates (2 wings) to practise doubling facts

Make symmetrical butterflies

Record how many of each mini beast you find on a mini beast hunt – make a graph to show your results. Which mini beast do you find the fewest of? How many did you find altogether?

Use 2D shapes such as circles, rectangles and triangles to design your own minibeast.

Sort mini beasts according to how many legs / where they are found / how they move etc

Play Beetle Drive.

Read The Bad Tempered Ladybird and make your own clocks showing the time on the hour / half hour.

Make a mini beast shop and practise recognition of coins up to £2 – practise combining coins to make different amounts.

Reading

There are many stories about mini beasts, many of which can be found on YouTube. Suggestions include Eric Carle stories like The Hungry Caterpillar, The Very Busy Spider, The Bad Tempered Ladybird. Also Julia Donaldson's Superworm and What the Ladybird Said. Read poems about mini beasts e.g. Mad About Mini beasts by Giles Andreae.

Visit Author websites such as www.eric-carle.com or www.juliadonaldson.co.uk

Read fact files about mini beasts.

Writing

Find out interesting facts about mini beasts and make your own mini beast encyclopedia.

Write a riddle about a mini beast for someone to solve.

Write a story along the lines of The Very Hungry Caterpillar but have a different mini beast or different foods.

Label the parts of different mini beasts.

Make up your own Beetle Drive game using a different mini beast and write the instructions for how to play.

Science

Find out about different mini beasts. What is the same about them? What is different?

Go on a mini beast hunt. Where do you find them? Why do you think they are there?

Find out about mini beast life cycles. Draw pictures of each stage and label them.

Find out about what mini beasts eat and what eats them. Can you draw a diagram to show the complete food chain?

Use straws to set jelly worms and talk about the changes that happen as you make them.

Technology

Take photographs of mini beasts you find.

Research about mini beasts on the Internet.

Art/DT

Make a bug hotel in your garden.

Use leaves, flowers and other natural materials to create a picture of a mini beast.

Bake mini beast shaped biscuits.

PE

Think about all the different ways that mini beasts move – can you make up a dance or movement sequence using the different ways?

