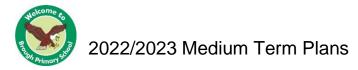
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Topics are child led and planning will reflect the interests of the children. To inspire the children, we will plan for themes. The theme this half term is 'I wonder who lives in our garden?'

Area of learning	Week 1 W/B 17/04/23	Week 2 W/B 24/04/23	Week 3 W/B 01/05/23	Week 4 08/05/23	Week 5 15/05/23	Week 6 22/05/23
Key themes	Caterpillars/butterflies	Bees	The Coronation	Ladybirds	Spiders	Snails
Key texts	Mad About Minibeasts The Very Hungry Caterpillar The Crunching, Munching Caterpillar	Bumble Bear Bee: Nature's tiny miracle	The King's Pants King Charles (Little people, big dreams)	The Very Lazy Ladybird The Bad Tempered Ladybird What the Ladybird Heard.	Spinderella Aaaarh, Spider! The Very Busy Spider	Swirl by swirl The tiniest snail
Personal, Social and Emotional	Circle time- opportunities to promote discussion. What is your favourite minibeast? Why? Is there a bug you're not so keen on? Is there one you're scared of? Why? Share the story of 'The Cautious Caterpillar' focusing on change, being brave and taking the next step. Discuss a time when the children feel they have been brave. PSHE/RSHE Being my best. Bouncing back when	Look at caring for minibeasts, setting up homes etc. What do they need? As a class, make a bee hotel to put in the outdoor area. Circle time- look at how bees work together. How can we work together as a team? Provide some opportunities for team building games. PSHE/RSHE Being my best. Yes, I can!	Circle time-Look at the role of the King using a variety of books and film clips. Make a list of the jobs that the children are responsible for both at home and within the classroom. PSHE/RSHE Being my best. Healthy eating.	Circle time- using the story of 'The Bad Tempered Ladybird' look at the ladybirds emotions. What makes you feel bad tempered? What makes you feel better? Compare with other emotions that we might feel. PSHE/RSHE Being my best. My healthy mind.	Circle time- following on from the story of 'The Very Hungry Spider' Discuss What is your favourite food? Are there any foods you don't like? PSHE/RSHE Being my best. Move your body.	Circle time- using the story 'The tiniest snail' look at the challenges that he faced in the story. Discuss how he felt when he was left on his own. PSHE/RSHE Being my best. A good night's sleep.



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Communicati on and Language	Circle time- who is your favourite garden visitor? How do they move? Where do they eat? Discussion- what do we already know about caterpillars? During the week add information that the children have collected and share with each other. Introduce new vocabulary each week and add to the topic vocabulary board.	Discussion- what do we already know about bees? During the week add information that the children have collected and share with each other. Introduce new vocabulary each week and add to the topic vocabulary board.	Create opportunities for the children to increase their knowledge of a variety of minibeasts using books, the internet and first- hand experience within the wildlife area.	Revisit the story of 'What the Ladybird Heard.' The ladybird was good at listening. Play listening games and identify the different sounds in the environment. Play 'What am I?' Take it in turns to describe a minibeast e.g. I have stripes on my body. I collect nectar and make honey. What am I?	Create opportunities for the children to increase their knowledge of a variety of minibeasts using books, the internet and first-hand experience within the wildlife area.	Introduce new vocabulary for the week and add to the topic vocabulary board. Discussion- what do we already know about snails? During the week add information that the children have collected and share with each other.
Physical	Develop gross motor skills using the outdoors for large scale construction. Use of various sensory materials to encourage mark making. Weekly funky fingers activities e.g., Use tweezers to pick plastic bugs out of mud. Threading our own spiders' webs.	Develop gross motor skills using the outdoors for large scale construction. Use of various sensory materials to encourage mark making. Weekly funky fingers activities e.g., Use tweezers to pick plastic bugs out of mud. Threading our own	Develop gross motor skills using the outdoors for large scale construction. Use of various sensory materials to encourage mark making. Weekly funky fingers activities e.g., Use tweezers to pick plastic bugs out of mud.	Develop gross motor skills using the outdoors for large scale construction. Use of various sensory materials to encourage mark making. Weekly funky fingers activities e.g. Use tweezers to pick plastic bugs out of mud. Threading our own	Develop gross motor skills using the outdoors for large scale construction. Use of various sensory materials to encourage mark making. Weekly funky fingers activities e.g., Use tweezers to pick plastic bugs out of mud. Threading our own	Develop gross motor skills using the outdoors for large scale construction. Use of various sensory materials to encourage mark making. Weekly funky fingers activities e.g., Use tweezers to pick plastic bugs out of mud. Threading our own

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	Phase 4 short vowels CVCC New tricky wordssaid, so, have, like Mark making opportunities. Retell stories using story trays. Reading stories linked to the topic. Writing lists of minibeasts that we might find in the outdoor area.	Phase 4 short vowels CVCC CCVC New tricky words-some, come, love, do Mark making opportunities. Retell stories using story trays. Reading stories linked to the topic. Writing facts that we have learnt about bees.	Phase 4 short vowels CCVCC CCCVC CCCVCC longer words New tricky words- were, here, little, says Mark making opportunities. Retell stories using story trays. Reading stories linked to the topic. Label pictures of bugs that were found on the bug hunt.	Phase 4 longer words and compound words New tricky wordsthere, when, what, one Mark making opportunities. Retell stories using story trays. Reading stories linked to the topic. Write information about a chosen minibeast to share with a friend.	Phase 4 root words ending in: -ing, -ed /t/, -ed /id/ /ed/ -est New tricky words-out, today Mark making opportunities. Retell stories using story trays. Reading stories linked to the topic. Practice reading skills with a partner by reading a sentence and matching to the correct minibeast.	Phase 4 Review week Review all new phase 4 tricky words Mark making opportunities. Retell stories using story trays. Reading stories linked to the topic. Write a list of facts about snails.

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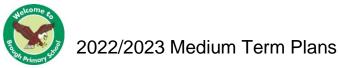


Mathematics	White Rose maths: To 20 and beyond Number Consolidating key skills Building numbers beyond 10 Counting patterns beyond 10 Spatial Reasoning (1) Match, rotate, manipulate			White Rose maths: First, Then, Now Number Adding more Taking away Spatial Reasoning (2) Compose and decompose		
Knowledge and Understandin g of the World	Look at the different stages of the life cycle of the butterfly. Introduce the word 'metamorphosis.' Look at ourselves. How do we physically change as we grow? How have we changed already? Can we think of some things to describe how we look different from when we were younger.	Compare the caterpillar life cycle to the life cycle of the bee. Look at why bees are so important to us and our environment. Honey tasting.	Look at the history of our King. Using photos to support create a simple timeline. Find out information about the Coronation ceremony. Create an insect small world using natural objects and toy bugs.	Go on a minibeast hunt, use a tick sheet to mark off what the children find. Compare the lifecycle of a butterfly to this life cycle. Is it the same? Is anything different?	Compare the life cycle of the spider and compare to the other minibeasts.	Using 'The Tiniest Snail' story, ask the children to help to make a salad to eat at snack time Take it in turns to wash and chop: lettuce, tomatoes, cucumber, peppers). Let's hope there isn't a tiny snail hiding in our salad!
Expressive Arts and Design	Use the technique of painting half a piece of paper to create symmetrical butterflies.	Using the playdough create our own models of bees. Self initiated	As a group create a minibeast hotel for the outdoor area. Design a pair of new pants for the	Draw your favourite minibeast using fine pens. Using pipette droppers with paint	Look carefully at the patterns in a spider's web and using black pens create a web of their own.	Look carefully at spirals within art, in particular snails. Using the transient art to create or follow our own

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Introduce symmetry

within transient art.

of media

Music-Habitats

The Woodland (1)

Developing notation

rhythm reading

through discovering

animal footprints.

King's and folded paper to painting /collage spirals. using a variety of Coronation. create symmetrical Self initiated painting /collage media artwork **Music-Habitats** The Rainforest (3) Self initiated painting using a variety of /collage using a variety **Music-Habitats** Self initiated Observational media The Woodland (2) painting /collage drawings of flowers Listening to the **Music-Habitats** sounds of the rivers using a variety of Using more The Rainforest (2) media. Use IPads to take of the Rainforest pawprints to photos of using our Exploring our develop rhythm **Music-Habitats** themselves. imagination. The Woodland reading skills and Explore the voices by Strengthening our creating actions to different filters to improvising sense of pulse (3) birdsongs, dancing a Russian folk experiment with through song and mixing our own Using our changing the to Brazilian song. knowledge of note effects of the drumming and rhythm patterns. duration to act out picture. making up some different animal funky rhythms. Self initiated footsteps on our journey. painting /collage using a variety of media. **Music-Habitats** The Rainforest (1) Going on an imaginative journey

> in the Brazilian Rainforest to meet some songbirds.

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