

Dear Parents and Children,

Hope you are all well. I'm sorry I didn't get to speak to you all last week but I loved hearing about the wonderful things you are learning at home. I know some of you have been busy in the garden investigating mini-beasts, so I thought to extend your interest: why not have a go at making a simple bug hotel for your new friends? All you will need is a pop bottle and some items found around your garden.

Carefully cut the bottle so you have just the cylinder and add long twigs, leaves, pine cones etc. until it is full. You can make a few of these and build them up to make a huge hotel or add some string and hang on a tree branch.

Have a look at the free Twinkl mini beast resource record sheet on the next page to learn new names of mini beasts and see how many of them you can see in your garden or on your walk. Mini-beasts love to hide **under** small rocks and on leaves. I love counting how many legs, if they have legs. Do they have wings? How do they move? Are they **fast** or **slow**? Do they look the **same** or **different**? Always remember to wash your hands when you have been out in the garden.

If your child is interested in mini-beasts, look at books together to enhance their learning and sing lots of songs using the Internet:

Mr Tumble songs: There's a worm at the bottom of the garden.

The Tiny Caterpillar song, songs for Early Years.

Incy Wincy Spider

Going to see some bugs- mini- beast song.

I think it is great that some of you have been making assault courses in your home and garden. Parents, to extend on your wonderful ideas and encourage your child's understanding, give them instructions. Can you jump 3 times before you start the course? Stand on 1 leg and I will count to 3. Are you wobbling? Can you walk **on top** of the wood without falling off? Be careful! Can you crawl **under** the blanket? Can you stand **behind** me and I will go **first**? Can you stand **in front** of the tunnel? All the highlighted words are key words in your child's learning and developing their understanding of language. Have fun counting how long it takes you to get around the assault course.

Some children have been having fun playing with their favourite cars. To extend their learning, have a try at drawing a road on a large piece of paper for them to follow. Ask them to think of things that they see on their walks that you could draw onto your road map. Sort your cars into colours or size. Do you have **more big** cars or **little** cars?

As the weather is getting nice again, with your child set up a small car wash for their cars adding bubbles, sponges and dry cloths. This will be great fun talking to your child and encouraging language through play.

I look forward to hearing about all the lovely things you are doing at home.

Take care and speak to you really soon,

Mrs Tabbenor, Miss Stanyer Miss Gazey.

# Minibeast Hunt



Tick the minibeasts that you have found!



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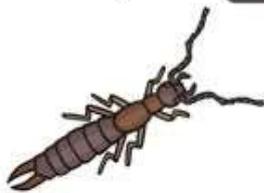
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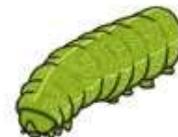
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