


The Brilliant Bug Ball FS1 Learning Journey

Start Date:	Monday 08 January	Unit Length:	5 weeks
	<p>Links to Host Country (Qatar)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore Qatar’s minibeasts. 	<p>During this unit our students will be:</p> <p>Respectful</p> <p>Thinkers</p>	
<p>The Brilliant Bug Ball</p> <p>We share our space with thousands and thousands of little visitors – minibeasts that live in the soil, under stones, amongst the plants and grass, in the trees and even in our homes. Minibeasts come in lots of different shapes and sizes, from tiny ants and long wriggly worms to beautiful butterflies with brightly-coloured wings. We are going to be exploring minibeasts in our local area and finding out more about what they look like, how they live and how they move about. And who knows – if the minibeasts like us, perhaps they’ll invite us to a special party!</p>			
<p>Entry Point</p> <p>The children will observe minibeasts in their classrooms. They will have discussions about the names of the minibeasts they can see and where they think they live. The children will take part in a ‘bug hunt’ in the shared space where they will try to check off minibeasts from a list.</p>			
<p>Capturing Curiosity</p> <p>The children will share names of minibeast they are familiar with and describe how they move and what they look like. They will also describe where they have found minibeasts in the past.</p>			
<p>Learning Block 1</p> <p>Our focus for this learning block is looking after minibeasts. The children will observe the activity of a wormery in their classrooms. They will go on a worm hunt in our school garden where they will use digging tools to find worms to add to their wormery. The children will care for their wormery for the remainder of the unit. The children will also recap their learning from their minibeast hunt. They will create their own minibeast habitat for a minibeast of their choice.</p>			
<p>Learning Block 2</p> <p>Our focus for this learning block is patterns, shapes, colours and numbers. The children will sort minibeasts based on where they may find them and will discuss their characteristics. They will sing a fun song about minibeasts and their names and will also learn about symmetry through paintings of butterflies.</p>			
<p>Learning Block 3</p> <p>Our focus for this learning block is minibeasts on the move. The children will explore ants and will go on an ant hunt in our outdoor space. They will read the book ‘Ants in Your Pants’, by Julia Jarman. They will create their own ant art and will explore ants through small world play. The children will develop their understanding of fast and slow and will categorise minibeasts based on how they move.</p>			
<p>Learning Block 4</p>			

Our focus for this learning block is preparing for the ball. Children be invited to the ball where they will perform a class dance to share with other classes. They will create their own minibeast headband or body tabard to wear to the ball. They will help each other and 'Sid the Slug' by making party decorations, and place cards plan their party.

Exit Point

Children will make caterpillar kebabs and a minibeast smoothie to share with their peers during the 'Brilliant Bug Ball'. They will also take part in a dance show and will wear their costumes.