


The Brilliant Bug Ball

FS2 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 our outdoor space. They will use white fabric, nets, tanks, magnifying glasses and observation grids to search for minibeasts in our school grounds. The children will record their findings with photos and drawings.</p>			
<p>Capturing Curiosity</p> <p>The children will share their knowledge of this unit with their peers and teachers. They will share the 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 and why it is important to be kind to minibeasts.</p>			
<p>Learning Block 1</p> <p>Our focus for this learning block is looking after minibeasts. The children will develop rules to follow to keep minibeasts safe and for their care which will be displayed around the class. They will explore the book, 'Snail Trail' and learn what it would feel like to be so small before exploring minibeast habitats. The children will explore the life cycle of a butterfly using the book, 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and will make their own life cycle of a butterfly.</p>			
<p>Learning Block 2</p> <p>Our focus for this learning block is patterns, shapes, colours and numbers. The children will explore symmetry through art as well as simple addition with the help of ladybirds. They will also explore size and read, 'The Bad-Tempered Ladybird'.</p>			
<p>Learning Block 3</p> <p>Our focus for this learning block is minibeasts on the move. The children will explore spider webs and will play a game of spiders and flies. The children will learn about bees and make their own bee models. They will also get to taste honey sandwiches with honey made in Qatar.</p>			

Learning Block 4

Our focus for this learning block is preparing for the ball. Children will create a class dance to share with other classes. They will have the chance to explore a story about bugs attending a ball using stick puppets and will create their own minibeast headband to wear to the ball. They will make party decorations, place cards and invitations to help 'Sid the Slug' plan their party.

Exit Point

Children will make worms in soil, snail roly-poly, and slug slime to share with their peers during the 'Brilliant Bug Ball'. They will also take part in a dance show and will wear their costumes.