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Our topic this week is **Spring - Minibeasts**

This week we have read:

- The Very Hungry Caterpillars Bug Hunt
- Mad About Minibeasts
- The Hungry Caterpillar
- Superworm
- Let's Find Superworm
- A Nice Place
- The Ladybird Who Heard

Activities/provision this week:

- **Minibeast collage** - The children made a minibeast collage using green card for the grass. They practised using scissors when cutting out different minibeast pictures to stick on their collage.
- **Stone painting** - On Tuesday the children painted stones to look like minibeasts. They painted either a bee or a ladybird. They then played with the stones in small world area.
- **Split pin minibeast craft** - The children made minibeasts with wings using coloured card, pens and split pins.
- **Ladybird biscuits** - On Friday the children decorated ladybird biscuits using black/red icing and buttons to make the spots.
- **Junk modelling bug hotels** - The children have been making their own bug hotel using recycled cardboard brought in from home. Next week we will find natural resources to fill them up with before taking them home.

- **Minibeast sorting activity** – We talked about the features of different minibeasts. The children then helped sort the minibeasts into two categories – wings vs no wings.
- **Minibeast hunt** – We learnt about different minibeasts and went on a hunt around the school to find some. The children took lists of minibeasts and ticked them off.
- **Minibeast fine motor tray** – The children played with pretend grass (green shredded paper), pretend minibeasts, wooden blocks and tweezers. They used the tweezers to pick up and move the minibeasts.
- **Bug hotel small world play** – The children played with the dolls house, wooden beehive, wooden logs, pretend grass and toy minibeasts.
- **Minibeast café** – The children pretended to make food with different toy minibeasts e.g. worms, ladybirds, beetles.
- **Visit from the RNLI** – On Wednesday we had a visit from the RNLI who talked about water safety.

Phonics: Voice Sounds

This term our phonics focus is voice sounds. The children have been learning how to distinguish between the differences in vocal sounds, including oral blending and segmenting. They have been exploring different mouth movements and how to make different sounds.

Nursery rhymes:

This term we will be learning the nursery rhymes:

- Row, Row, Row your Boat
- Five little men in a flying saucer
- 1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a fish alive
- Incy Wincy Spider
- Humpty Dumpty
- Ten fat sausages
- Five little speckled frogs
- 10 green bottles
- Miss Polly had a dolly
- Ten in the bed

Maths: Shape

The children have been learning how to:

- Chooses items based on their shape which are appropriate for a specific purpose
- Recognise and identify 2D shapes
- Using shape related language e.g. flat, round
- Show an awareness of shape similarities and differences between objects

The topic next week will continue to be: **Minibeasts**

Important information

- Please can the children bring in any **books about Spring and Minibeasts**
- Please send in WOW moments for your children to share at circle time - pre-school@bishopstawton-primary.org
- **Pre-school is closed for the bank holiday Monday 4th May**
- Our next stay and play session is **Thursday 14th May 8.45am-10.00am**