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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:

- **Finishing our bug hotels** - The children have nearly finished making and filling their junk model bug hotels to take home. The children collected natural items from around the school to fill their bug hotels before taking them home. We talked about which natural items different minibeasts would like/need in their home/habitat
- **Fine motor snail picture** - The children decorated a snails shell with circle shaped stickers, making a pattern around the shell.
- **Minibeast picture** - The children practised their cutting skills when cutting green card to look like grass. They then added butterfly and flower stickers underneath.
- **Counting the spots on a ladybird** - The children played a ladybird matching game. They matched the number of dots on the ladybird to the correct numeral.

- **Matching minibeasts to their habitats** - We read 'A Nice Place', talking again about minibeast habitats. The children then played a game where they matched the minibeast to their ideal habitat e.g. pond, soil.
- **Minibeast playdough** - The children made their own minibeasts using playdough tools e.g. spider legs, wings, antennae.
- **Minibeast printing** - The children painted a picture by putting minibeasts into paint and printing them onto paper. We talked about the features of each minibeast.
- **Bug hotel small world play** - The children played with the doll's 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.

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
- Our next stay and play session is **Thursday 14th May 8.45am-10.00am**