



## Activities at Home

*Dear Parents*

*Our topic for the period 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019 to 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 is*

## *Minibeasts*

***The areas we will be covering are;***

*Learning more about the wide variety of animals in the environment*

*Looking carefully to make discoveries*

*Thinking imaginatively through the use of stories*

*Exploring a range of creative activities and ideas*

*We will be learning the following stories*

- The Very Hungry Caterpillar
- Incy Wincy Spider
- I'm not scary
- The Very Lazy Ladybird
- Mr Buzz
- Snail Trail
- Winnie the Pooh

***You might wish to help your child to explore this topic at home or when you are out and about***  
***Our suggested activities are:***

### ***Talking***

*Talk to your child about the importance of treating small creatures with care. Talk about your own experiences of small creatures. Perhaps you played with snails as a child or remember watching butterflies during a holiday.*

### ***Making***

*Make a home for caterpillars so your child can watch them develop into butterflies. Use reference books to find out more about mini beasts, particular features and their habitats.*

### ***In the Kitchen***

*Encourage your child to try honey as a spread on toast or in a sandwich. Honey is also delicious when added to yogurt or milk puddings. Talk about where honey comes from.*

### ***Out and About***

*As you walk in streets, gardens or parks, point out small creatures you come across. Don't worry if you don't know their names but draw attention to their colour, the way the creature moves, what it is feeding on or where it lives.*

*Visit your local library to look for stories, information books and poetry about minibeasts. Books with magnified photographs are especially useful as they allow children to see details.*

*Make up stories about the lives of mini-beasts you see. What must it be like to be small? Imagine with your child what adventures might you have?*