

In Lower School, our Summer 1 topic is minibeasts and animals. Below are some fun activities that you can do together to prepare for this topic. Please do not feel that you need to do them all – these are just ideas and feel free to do your own too! Remember to take photos of your adventures and bring things in to show us in class too. We look forward to seeing and hearing about what you have been up to.

Maths	Mark Making	EAD	UW	Reading
Matching or sort: * Toys * Objects * Food	Use some crayons, paint, felts to practice your mark making. Can you copy some shapes or patterns? What can you create independently?	Make your own mini beast by: *Painting a picture *Make a mini beast sock puppet. * Make a mini beast from junk material. *Make some cakes together and decorate with icing i.e. red with black spots, yellow and black spots etc.	Go on a minibeast hunt in your garden!	Share your favourite stories together. Adults try asking some questions i.e. Where is...? What are they doing...? What colour is...? etc.
Practice/model counting. Why not count your toys?	Try using natural resources (sticks etc.) to mark make in sand, soil, mud etc.	Make an Animal mask using paper plates.	Use CBeebies to find out about animals or mini beasts.	Find out what your favourite animal story is!
Building some towers with building blocks. How high can you get?	Hide some favourite things in jelly – can they be found?	Why not create a Spring collage with what you collected on your spring walk?	Take a walk in the Spring sunshine (if you're able too). Collect some leaves/flowers/blossom.	Find out what your favourite minibeast story is! (Mine's 'Superworm' by Julia Donaldson).
	Cook some spaghetti for me to enjoy some messy play in. The spaghetti will look and feel like slippery worms!	Find some stones in your garden and paint them as animals.	Try planting some seeds and watch them grow.	