



Reception Topic: In the Garden - Summer 2.

This half term Reception will be learning about in the garden. In particular we will be learning about:

- Mini Beasts.
- Pond life.
- Different climates and how mini beasts have adapted to their environment.
- Life cycle of a butterfly.
- Life cycle of a frog.
- Facts about worms.
- How plants grow in the garden.
- What plants need to grow and how to look after them.

Week 1 - Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee - 1960's

The first week of this half term we will be learning about Queen Elizabeth and her reign during the 1960's.

We will be learning about key events in the 1960's including:

Book of the week: The Queen's hat by Steve Antony.

- First man went to space in 1961 and the first woman in 1963.
- Moon landing in 1969
- Football World Cup 1966
- Money changes - £1 note introduced into circulation 1960 with Queen Elizabeth's image.
- Listening to popular music in the 60's e.g. The Beatles
- Famous people such as Elvis Presley.
- Popular toys such as Sindy, Action Man, Mr Potato Head and Etch a sketch came to market.
- Compare the fashion in the 1960's to now.



1 - Moon landing 1969, Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins.



2 - World Cup 1966 England Vs Germany.



3 - The Beatles in the 1960's.



4 - Elvis Presley was famous in the 1960's and he starred in a lot of films through the 60's.



5 - *The Queen's hat* by Steve Antony.

Week 2 - Caterpillars and Butterflies

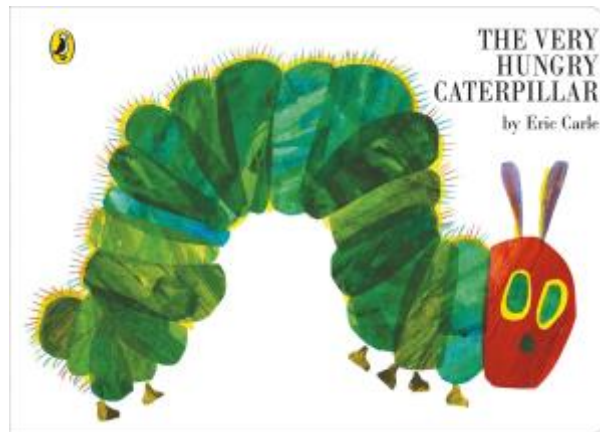


Book of the week: The very hungry caterpillar By Eric Carle.

This week we will be focusing on caterpillars and butterflies here are some the activities we will be completing.

- Researching where caterpillars and butterflies live and why they like these areas.
- The Life cycle of a caterpillar.
- Acting out the life cycle of a caterpillar.
- Making patterns.
- Exploring symmetry.
- Learning days of the week and how to write the date.
- Reading words from the story.

- Drawing a lunchbox and listing the food the caterpillar eats.



6 - The very hungry caterpillar By Eric Carle.

Week 3 - Spiders

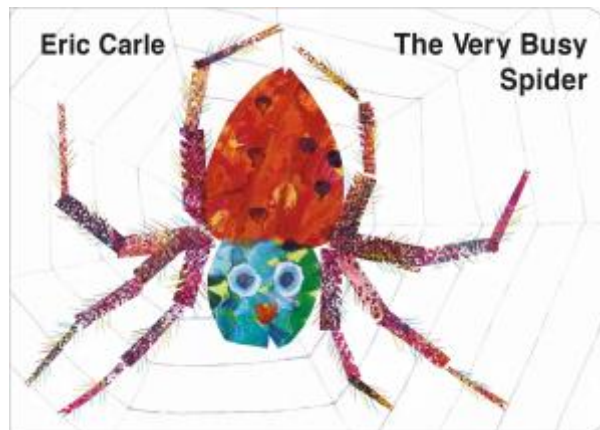


Book of the week: The very busy spider by Eric Carle.

This week we will be learning all about spiders, here are some of the activities we will be doing in class:

- Designing ways for Incy Wincy to climb down the pipes and guttering.
- Reciting Incy Wincy spider and learning to write it down.

- Designing and making spider webs.
- Learning facts about spiders and the different types of spiders around the world.
- Developing our fine motor skills by threading our own spider web.
- Reading words the spider has collected in his web.
- Labelling a spider and writing facts.
- Finding ways to make eight on a spider.
- Using a ten frame to show a number of spiders up to 10.



7 - The very busy spider by Eric Carle.

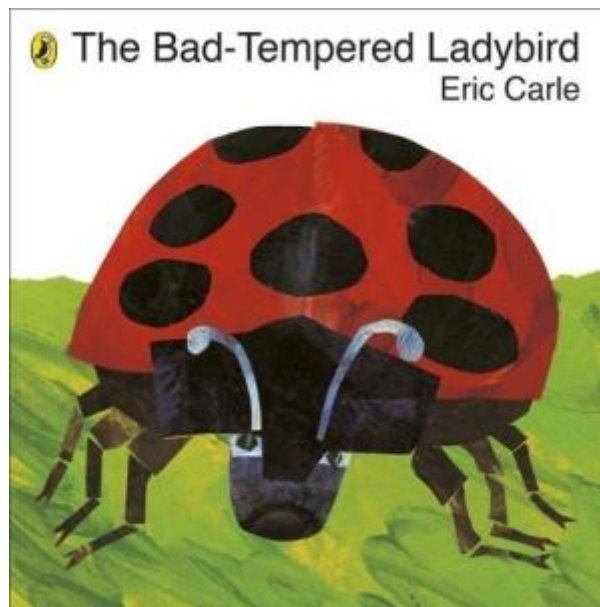
Week 4 - Ladybirds



Book of the week: The bad tempered ladybird By Eric Carle

This week we will be learning all about ladybirds. We will be learning about them through the following experiences and activities:

- Designing and making a home for a ladybird using natural materials from a garden or outdoor space.
- Creating a collage of a ladybird using different materials.
- Learning a poem about ladybirds.
- Researching their habitat, what they eat, what sort of climate they like to live in and how they help the natural environment.
- Learning how to draw a ladybird following a set of instructions.
- Exploring different emotions such as bad tempered, grouchy, angry, sad, annoyed, worried etc.
- Writing speech bubbles from the perspective of the bad tempered ladybird.
- Using a ladybird to explore mathematical concepts, addition, subtraction, subitising, number bonds etc.
- Making a bug hotel.



8 - The bad tempered ladybird by Eric Carle.

Week 5 - Worms

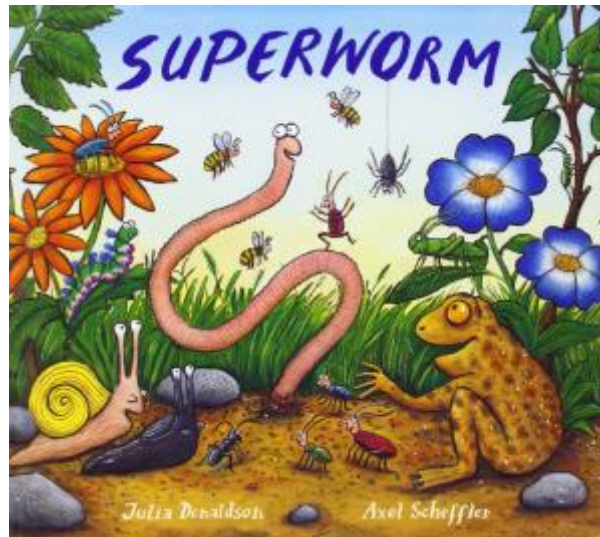


Book of the week - Superworm by Julia Donaldson.

This week we will be learning about worms. Here are some of the activities we will be completing:

- Learning facts about worms and how they survive in their habitat.
- Making a wormery.
- Learning a poem about worms and reciting it.
- Designing and threading our own super worms.
- Writing facts about worms.

- Measuring the lengths of different worms. Does the length change by using different non standard units.
- Reciting the story of superworm on a stage built by the children.
- Exploring string painting.
- Collage pictures of different mini beasts.
- What makes a superhero? Discussing.



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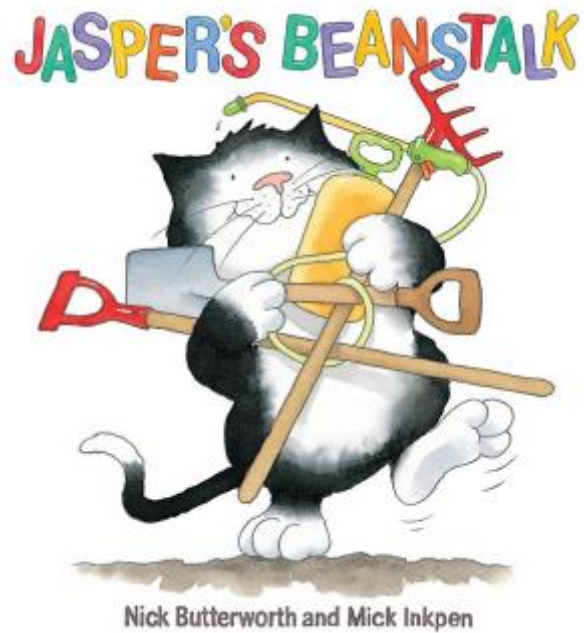
Week 6 - Plants and growth

Book of the week: Jasper's Beanstalk by Nick Butterworth

This week we will be learning about plants in the garden and the different climates plants adapt to. We will be learning about plants through these activities:

- What does a plant need to grow?
- What are the stages of a plant growing?
- Labelling and naming the parts of a plant.
- Researching which mini beasts enjoy plants.
- Learning days of the week and how to write the date.
- Role playing a gardening shop.
- Sorting pictures of different mini beasts and where they live in a garden.
- Observational drawing of flowers.
- Learning other stories with beanstalks - Jack and the beanstalk.

- Reciting Jack and the beanstalk in the reading area with props.
- Painting mini beasts from the Eric Carle illustrations.



10 - Jasper's Beanstalk by Nick Butterworth.

Week 7 - Frogs and pond life.



Book of the week: Tadpole's Promise by Jeanne Willis

This week is all about frogs and mini beasts near water. We will also be recalling everything we have learnt about other mini beasts from our topic. Here are some of the activities we will be doing:

- Learning facts about frogs.
- Where they live and why they like it there.
- How many different species of frogs there are.
- The life cycle of a frog.
- Reciting the life cycle of a frog and recording it.
- Observational drawings of frogs and their habitats.
- Role playing the story of Tadpole's promise in the water area.
- Exploring lily pads and how they grow in water.
- Singing 5 little speckled frogs and recording number sentences using number bonds, subtraction and addition.