

\* Discuss fear of certain minibeasts.
\* Caring for the environment and our minibeasts - set of RULES.
\* 'The Bad Tempered Ladybird' (link to SEAL 'Relationships' theme)

## **Physical Development**

P.E scheme -

\* TWEEZERS to sort minibeasts
\* PEG BOARD minibeast pictures
\* Dry rice & water wheels, scoops, funnels.
\* Build channels, dams and waterfalls
\* SALTDOUGH minibeasts
\* WEAVING spider's webs



## Understanding of the World W

\* MINIBEAST HUNT

- record findings using tally chart
- make pictogram to show results
- Investigating and comparing animals, numbers of legs, horns, ears, what they are covered with, what they eat etc
- Matching animals to their young life cycle of a chicken - have an incubator and eggs in the setting for children to observe and investigate
  - Investigate animal habitats.
- \* Label BODY PARTS of minibeasts, eg. head thorax – abdomen – antennae...
  - \* ICT Minibeast pictures and games
- \* Make a WORMERY/ ANT FARM/BUG HOTEL
  - \* (Live) caterpillar LIFE CYCLE \* DEN BUILDING

\* Make CLAY model minibeasts Links to businesses/jobs Vet, zoo, pet shop, bee keeper, farmer, RSPCA Scotswood gardens

# What is a Minibeast?

#### Communication, Language and Literacy \* Minibeast FICTION books...

CLPE: Yucky Worms Aaargh! Spiders! What the Ladybird Said

To listen with enjoyment and respond to the book, through retelling and re-enacting the story • To read by joining in the repeated text, responding to the patterns and rhythms and matching these with the print

• To get to know the story really well and be able to revisit it in a variety of ways

• To think and talk confidently about their response to the book, the story and illustrations, and the meanings

 To explore the structure through story mapping and storytelling

 To write for meaning and purpose in narrative and non-narrative forms

• To create a book of the story through shared writing and illustration using a variety of materials

## Mathematical Development

\* TALLY CHART, PICTOGRAMS, BAR CHART \* MEASURES - capacity, mass, length... \* DATA HANDLING \* Minibeast SYMMETRY \* CALCULATING - Minibeast hunt \* Minibeast ORDERING and NUMBER SEQUENCES

### **Creative Development**

\* OUTDOORS minibeast investigation lab \* WEAVING - Chalk spider webs and using ribbons on bicycle wheels

\* Minibeasts CRAFTS... ...Egg boxes, toilet rolls, salt dough, collage, observational drawings, masks

\* SYMMETRY - Butterfly prints

\* Henri MATISSE 'The Snail'

\* Minibeat SONGS, There's a worm at the bottom of the garden Incy Wincy spider

\* Minibeast DANCES

('Flight of the Bumble Bee' music)

\* OUTDOOR easel for painting

\* Snail SPIRALS