

### Communication and Language

During our topic we will play listening games that use our understanding of the stories read. We will go on a mini-beast hunt around the new gardening outdoor area and will try our best to talk about any minibeads that we see or hear.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will learn to take care of minibeads inside and outside of the classroom. We will be working together to plan a 'Hungry Caterpillar' party. Little Owls will work in pairs to create symmetrical butterfly pictures. We will work in teams to build cocoons with materials outdoors and out of each other.

### Physical Development

During this topic we will know the difference between healthy and unhealthy. We will have fun moving like minibeads using props and obstacles. Take part in threading activities such as making caterpillar necklaces and making Ivy vines. We will be making paper chain caterpillars, cutting, looping and attaching.

### Literacy

We will write shopping lists. Write information texts describing similarities and differences between caterpillars and butterflies and lifecycles of minibeads. We will write instructions for recipes we make. During our topic we will write party invitations for our friends and family members.

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### Mathematics

We will be able to look at lines of symmetry in butterflies. Record results from science experiments in graphs and tables. Learn about halving and doubling. Sort topic-themed objects into categories according to size, body parts, colours etc. Use money and counting a spart of their role-play in the class Fruit & Veg shop.

### Understanding the World

We will learn about the season-spring and the changes that take place during this season. Learn about the lifecycles of plants and animals. Go on nature walks in the local area to collect natural materials and make observations of the wildlife that they see. Plant and grow flowers and vegetables to create a mini-allotment and butterfly garden.

### Expressive Arts and Design

We will sing topic-related songs and select instruments to accompany song. Create collages, paintings and junk models of local wildlife. Explore colour mixing and texture in our work at the same time as following the work of others. Express ourselves through role-play.

### Messages

As you can see we will be busy Little Owls this half term We really need donations of vegetable seeds, wildflower seed, plant pots, any unwanted compost or bamboo and pieces of wood for our bug houses please. Thank you so much for your continued support.

