Learning Planner

Reception Summer Term 1

'A Bug's Life'

What is a cocoon? How can we identify an insect? Where will we find insects? Who will the caterpillar meet on his travels?.... Will he ever get to fly? How can we make a bug hotel? Let's investigate!

This term, Reception will be looking at bugs! Children will become investigators in the minibeast lab, watch our baby caterpillars transform into beautiful butterflies and go on bug hunt!

Connect & Wonder

- We have been exploring our garden and found a tiny egg on a leaf.. What could it be? How did it get there?
- Observation over time of the real caterpillars and butterfly garden.
- The minibeast lady will visit bringing along a variety of her creepy crawlies!

For the Love of Reading

The Crunching Munching Caterpillar by Sheridan Cain

"The Crunching, Munching Caterpillar" written by Sheridan Cain introduces the children to the life cycle of the butterfly. The hungry caterpillar is visited by other insects who can fly. The caterpillar wishes he could fly too. The children will discuss the feelings of the characters and retell the story through a story map and actions.

Investigate & Construct

- **PSE / Physical:** Let's explore our local environment and venture to the sensory garden to spend time together hunting for insects. I wonder what we will find?
- **D&T:** Children will be designing and building a bug hotel, looking at the purpose of materials and microhabitats.
- **Art:** Oil pastel observational drawings of insects that we find on our bug hunt. We will also create blob and fold butterflies and explore printing.
- **Science:** Children will become minibeast investigators and learn all about lifecycles, observe and record the changes to real life caterpillars over time.

Express & Reflect

Children will keep a diary / log over time of the changes observed within our butterfly gardens.

Children will return to the sensory garden to add their bug hotels and reflect on how they made them, the purpose and watch as insects begin to find their new homes!

Cinema room to watch A Bugs Life!

Key Vocabulary

crunched

munched

twittering

soared

blackberry

feather

landed