**Home Learning Project Reception Week Beginning 20th May 2020.**

As it is important for our little ones to have hands on multisensory activities I thought it would be fun for them to have a home learning project around the topic of Gardens and Minibeasts (eg ladybirds, butterflies, bees, woodlice, ants etc). I have tried to choose a topic that would be easy to do at home and the children would enjoy. Many of them loved to find worms in the playground before we broke up so I thought they would enjoy the story ‘Superworm’ by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler which you can find being read on YouTube. Start by sharing this story together and then going into the garden (or natural space near home during your daily exercise) to find worms. I have given a range of ideas below so you can mix and match them depending on the children’s interests ...

Literacy:

**Daily** 20minutes practicing sounds or key words provided in the pack you received. Key words - Choose three to start with then revise these and add 1 more each day to build up. Look at the word, cover it up, write it then check if it is correct. Make it fun by using different coloured pens, pencils, paints or chalks, write in trays of glitter or rice, fill an old washing up liquid bottle with water and squirt it outside to write. Letter sounds - Make lists of words using that sound, try to write a few simple sentences using the words and then read them back.

Use Phonic Bug and Bug Club computer games and books provided.

Make a simple mini book about your favourite Minibeasts.

Use your Superworm (see creative activities below) to act out your own Superworm adventure then make a simple story or cartoon.

Maths:

Use things the children can collect from the garden such as daisies, dandelions, stones, leaves etc or draw some simple bugs. Use them to practice simple addition and subtraction. As an example two daisies and 3 three dandelions make 5 altogether and write the number sentence to go with this 2+3=5. Also do it the other way by writing 2+3= and the children use their garden finds work out the answer. If you would like more of a challenge see how many different ways you can make 10 and write the number sentences 0+10/10+0, 9+1/1+9, 8+2/2=8, 7+3/3=7, 6+4/4+6, 5+5. Learn these by heart.

Knowledge and Understanding of The World:

Search for other Minibeasts and talk simply about the different habitats where you found them eg under a stone, on a flower near, trees etc. Use the internet to identify them and find out about your favourite Minibeast.

Go on a plant treasure hunt: How many different ones can you find and what they are called?

Make a map or simple plan of your garden or your own imaginary one.

Creative:

Make your own Superworm! – You could use beads, pasta, dough, fill old socks or tights for example.

Make a garden – Use an old tray, box or cardboard. Decorate it with drawings, paintings, models or even real plants or flowers.

Look closely at the Minibeasts you find in the garden. Research pictures and drawings of insects or plants on the internet and make your own close observational drawing or painting.

Physical, Wellbeing and RE

Joe Wicks Workout.

Use your exercise time to go for a walk and look at nature. Take time to enjoy the calm, wonder and beauty of Spring.

Look after plants and animals.

Welsh: Search for BBC Bliblob or Astro Antics for some fun Welsh songs and games.