

Knowledge Organiser - Reception Summer 1 - Minibeasts and growing

Key Vocabulary

Minibeast – A very small animal, like an ant, worm or spider.

Habitat – The place where a plant or animal lives.

Life cycle – The stages a living thing goes through as it grows and changes.

Grow / Growth – When something gets bigger or changes over time.

Seed – A tiny part of a plant that can grow into a new plant.

Plant – A living thing that grows in soil and needs water and sunlight.

Change – When something becomes different.

Season (Summer) – A time of year; summer is when the weather is warmer and sunnier.

Similar / Different – Ways to describe how things are the same or not the same.

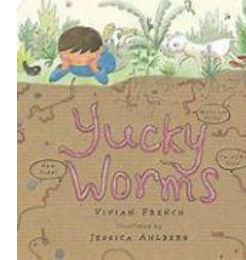
Friendship – Being kind, caring and playing well with others.

Vocabulary challenge words:

Metamorphosis – A big change in how an animal looks as it grows (e.g. caterpillar to butterfly).

Environment – Everything around us, including plants, animals and where they live.

Topic books



PE days - Mrs Halliday (RNH)- Monday
Mrs Clarke (RLC) - Thursday

10 Facts to Know (Knowledge)

Minibeasts are small creatures like worms, spiders and butterflies.

Different minibeasts live in different habitats.

A caterpillar changes into a butterfly.

Plants grow from seeds.

Plants need water, sunlight and soil to grow.

Summer is warmer than Spring.

Some animals have different numbers of legs (e.g. insects have 6).

Things in the past can be different from now.

We need to drink more water when it is hot.

Good friends are kind, take turns and help each other.

10 things I need to know (skills)

Go on a minibeast hunt and talk about what you find

Draw and label a plant or minibeast

Sequence a life cycle (e.g. caterpillar → butterfly)

Plant seeds and help care for them

Compare two things (same/different)

Retell a story using “first, next, then, finally”

Write simple sentences using capital letters and full stops

Count objects up to 20

Work with a partner, taking turns and sharing

Use scissors and pencils with control

You can help at home by: Exploring outdoors together - Look for minibeasts in the garden or park. Talk about where they live and what they look like

Read and talk about stories - Ask questions like: What happened first? Why did that happen? Encourage your child to retell the story in their own words