THE POND: SUMMER 1 OVERVIEW

Physical

We continue to carry out a variety of activities to strengthen the children's fine motor control and pen skills.
The children will be supported to increase their independence ready for reception.
During craft activities, we will expand our control of one handed tools such as scissors.

Communication & Language

There will be a 'wow' words introduced bi-weekly to enhance the children's language.
We will begin to play silly soup, exploring and listening for words that rhyme.
The children will be given the opportunity to become helpers, and read our focus story, remembering key parts to the class.

Personal, Social & Emotional

Adults will support children in resolving their own conflicts, e.g., with the use of sand timers.
We will begin to have discussions about the upcoming transition into reception!

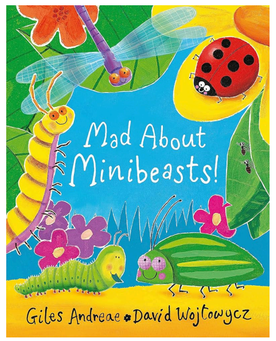
Big Question:

What minibeasts are in our garden?

Key questions:

1- Can we find any minibeasts in our garden?
2- Where do they live and what do they eat?
3- How many legs do minibeasts have?

Key texts



This term we will also cover the topics:

-Earth day
-Sun safety

Maths

Over the duration of summer term's 1&2, adults will 'formally teach' math. This will include; number formation, subitising, shape properties, patterns, prepositions, comparisons and quantities.

Literacy

The children entering St Catherines reception will begin Phonics - Set 1 'Speed sounds'.
We will also encourage and support name writing.
During story time, the children will become story helpers!

Understanding the World

We will plant some seeds and learn how to help them grow.
Through our focus stories we will explore life cycles.

Expressive Arts & Design

Using a variety of materials, we will make our own beautiful butterflies, 'bug' headbands as well as other minibeast crafts.
During free play, we will explore making homes for minibeasts using different blocks and fabrics.