

Minibeasts - Week 3: The Butterfly and its lifecycle

Communication and Language (Listening and attention, following instructions and concentrating)

Ask your child what they know about Butterflies? Have they ever seen a real one? What did it look like?

There are many varieties, have a look at these ones I have found:

What can you notice about the butterflies? Are they all the same? What colours and shapes can you see?



Butterfly facts:

Butterflies are insects.

A butterfly's lifecycle is made up of four parts, egg, larva (caterpillars), pupa (chrysalis) and adult.

Butterflies attach their eggs to leaves with a special glue.

Most caterpillars are plant eaters (herbivores).

Fully grown caterpillars attach themselves to a suitable twig or leaf before shedding their outside layer of skin to reveal a hard skin underneath known as a chrysalis.

An adult butterfly will eventually emerge from the chrysalis where it will wait a few hours for its wings to fill with blood and dry, before flying for the first time.

Butterflies can live in the adult stage from anywhere between a week and a year, depending on the species.

Butterflies have four wings.

Butterflies often have brightly coloured wings with unique patterns made up of tiny scales.

Most butterflies feed on nectar from flowers.

Butterflies have taste receptors on their feet.

Scientists estimate that there are between 15000 and 20000 different species of butterfly.

Birdwing butterflies have large, angular wings and fly in a similar way to birds.

Watch to learn about the story of a Monarch Butterfly

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xT6UsQwZyy0>

What do Butterflies eat? How many wings does a butterfly have?

Investigate the answers on this link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fUybrJmFv0c>

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Creative

Click on the PDF's to access activities.



t-t-12809-eyfs-butterfly-life-cycle-cut-and-stick-activity-_ver_1.pdf

Cutting and sticking life cycle activity.



T-M-1930-Butterfly-Outline.pdf

Butterfly outline for colouring, painting, collage etc.



t-t-27947-complete-a-symmetrical-butterfly-pattern-fingerprint-activity-sheet-_ver_1.pdf

Complete the symmetry for a butterfly – finger painting activity.



forward to seeing your own creations! Enjoy!

Make your own cork butterflies. I look

Literacy

Reading - Click the links below for stories

10 magic butterflies

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kBi_RoXKVo0

Butterfly by Petr Horacek

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PCRO1I9UrJg>

Phonics:

Jolly phonics Click the link below – look and learn the sound for “b (for butterfly)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bMns7nj3kjQ>

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See how many objects you can find beginning with this letter at home?

Phonics: This week's learning is **Alliteration**, Alliteration is a term to describe a literary device in which a series of words begin with the same consonant sound. A classic example is: "She sells seashells by the sea-shore." Another favourite is: "Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers." Make it fun! Be silly and keep it simple, maybe start with their names/your name/favourite toy etc, Ben bounces the big blue ball.

And if they are able to alliterate then move on to different letter sounds.

This can be challenging for some children, if they are struggling, just give some examples sounding out the b each time. Repetition is key, your child might not understand it today but then come up with their own ideas tomorrow, and if they don't, don't worry, from experience this is a tough activity for nursery children to achieve.

Additional phonics websites – to access the phase one games for Nursery age.

<http://www.phonicsplay.com>

www.phonicsbloom.com

Literacy - Writing



Write your child's name several times and cut each letter into squares, then encourage your child to place the letters of their name in the correct order and stick down. If too hard write your child's name out as so above for them to copy the order of the letters, if you want to challenge your child Cover it over, so your child has to think about what letter comes next. Please remember all in lower case apart from the first letter of the name, when your child is confident, then ask them to place the letters in order with no visual guidance.

Understanding the world –

Lifecycle of a Butterfly - please click the links below

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1EQeYA5Qbic>

Butterflydance song learning about lifecycle stages.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t_c7WDjHlIs

Butterflies flying in slow motion

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aBfJtTm_XD4

Different types of butterflies

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KO92tayGydg>

(Stunning Butterflies & The Best Relaxing Music - Meditation Relaxing Music)

Go on a butterfly hunt:

When outside can you see if you can spot a butterfly – hopefully you will be lucky!

Physical - Get moving by clicking on the links below:

Butterfly actioned yoga:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oYI0TPJOuGk>

5 minute workout with Joe Wicks

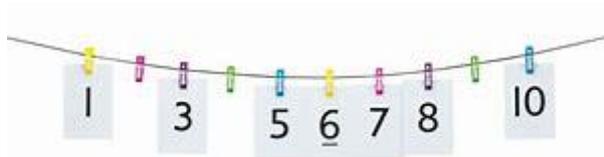
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u0_1QBQ8Syk

Fly butterfly fly – dance with actions

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lkza_tRINRE&list=PLVKi6dgrGk9QJb1fW8Vlfarxy02yrWGPC

Maths

Minibeast counting – Write out numbers 1-10 – 1-20 for a challenge, if your child finds this easy see if they can do it in reverse order 10-1 or 20-1 and make a washing line, see if your child can peg the numbers out in correct order. i.e.



Expressive arts and Design

Challenge – can you learn a new song together, maybe a new nursery rhymes? Maybe a butterfly song? Or a song from a film you have enjoyed?

Happy learning, please remember it should always be fun, and it can happy anywhere!

I look forward to receiving your photos.

Keep safe and well – Mrs Elliott