

Hello all!

Below are some more planned activities for the next two weeks, across all the areas of the curriculum, along with links to useful websites and books online.

This is not a 'to do' list, but there for you to pick and choose from at home and give you an idea of the types of activities we are doing at Nursery now. We will continue to post messages and links to Edmodo and really enjoy seeing your replies! We are also available to all our families over the phone, so please feel free to ring us if you have any questions or concerns.

Best wishes,

The Nursery Team

#### **Week 4 and 5: Mini Beasts and Under the Sea**

Our planning starts with a story. Here are some wonderful books to share this week...

'The Rainbow Fish' by Marcus Pfister <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nb2mslQo6TI>

'The Storm Whale' by Benji Davies <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=czczPkmP988>

'Sharing a Shell' by Julia Donaldson <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VpJumAZx1t8>

'Aaaarrgghh Spider!' by Lydia Monks <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7OCamTmAoFc>

'The Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eXHScpo\\_Vv8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eXHScpo_Vv8)

'Norman, the Slug with the Silly Shell' by Sue Hendra <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UPCakCzQowI>

## **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

<p>The Rainbow Fish doesn't want to share his scales at the beginning of the story. What happened when he shared his scales? Was there a time when you shared something? How did it make the other person feel? How did it make you feel?</p>	<p>The Rainbow Fish makes new friends. What makes a good friend? Can you make a list of the qualities a good friend needs? Can you draw a picture of a time a friend did something on the list?</p>	<p>In the story 'Aaaarrgghh, Spider!' the little spider is very keen to show off his talents.</p> <p>What special talents do you have? Can you dance or juggle or run very fast? Share your talent with your family. Can you find out what talents other people in your family have?</p>
<p>Discuss the different characters from 'Sharing a Shell' with your child. How are they feeling? Why might the crab not want to share his shell? How do they feel at the end of the story?</p>	<p>How did The Hungry Caterpillar feel when he ate too much? What do you feel like when you are poorly? What makes you feel better? How can you help when others are unwell or hurt?</p>	

## **Listening and Concentration**

<p>Listen to some sounds of the seaside. What can you hear?</p> <p><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/eyfs-listen-and-play-at-the-seaside/zvyf6v4">https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/eyfs-listen-and-play-at-the-seaside/zvyf6v4</a></p>	<p>Can you go on a sound hunt? What sounds can you hear when you are in the garden? Are there different sounds at different times of the day? What sort of sounds can you hear in the house?</p>	<p>Can you make your own trumpet cone from paper or card? Can you make different sounds with it? Listen to the sounds of things you may hear around you such as the buzzing of a bumble bee, a car horn etc.</p>
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## Getting Ready to Read

Share the books above with your child.  
Can your child predict what might happen next?  
Who are the main characters in the story? Where do the characters live?

Imagine you live in the sea like the Rainbow Fish.  
What can you see? What can you hear?

Pretend you are a spider living in a house. What would you do? Where would you go? How would you feel if you were thrown out?

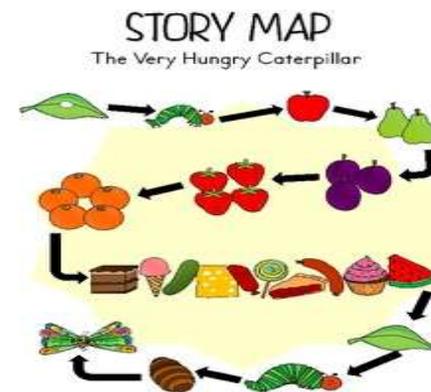


Can you make your own finger puppet? Choose one or more of the characters from our stories this week. Have fun being the different characters. Can you retell the story?

You can use paper or fabric, scissors and glue to make your puppet. Let your imagination go wild!



Can you retell the story 'The Hungry Caterpillar' using this story map? Can you make your own story map for this or another of our stories?



In 'Norman, The Slug with the Silly Shell' Norman doesn't have a shell. Can you make Norman from some play dough/plasticine or from a stuffed sock? Norman needs a shell. What could you use to build his shell? What might happen to Norman if he has a different shell? What sort of adventures could he have? Where could he go? Who could he meet?

In 'The Storm Whale', Noi takes his friend the whale back to the ocean with his dad. Can you imagine what adventures Noi may have with the whale if he saw him again? Where could they go? What could they do?

### Small world play

Can you use some of your toys and objects around your house to create some of the settings from our stories. How could you create an underwater world? What does a mini beast's home look like? What could you use? Use your imagination.

## Getting ready to write



Can you make some snail trail patterns with a pencil, crayon or paint brush? Can you make a trail with a giant chalk in the garden? What sorts of patterns can you make? Zig zag shapes, wiggly shapes, straight shapes, loops etc.



Can you practise learning to write your name independently? Can you write your name in different things, for example, mud, flour or rice?



Can you make your own rainbow fish by weaving strips of coloured paper?

<https://www.craftymorning.com/weaving-rainbow-fish-kids-craft/>

Can you create a drawing/painting/collage of an underwater scene? Use whatever materials you have at home. You could even make a 3D feature.



Can you make some salt dough?

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/how-make-salt-dough-recipe>

Use it to make different types of mini beasts or sea creatures. Roll it into long shapes to make a wiggly worm.



Can you curl your long wiggly worm into a spiral shape to make a snail?

Can you make a salt dough rainbow fish?

When you have cooked your salt dough can you have a go at painting it? What could you use for scales?

Use some tweezers or some kitchen tongs to represent the crab's pincers in 'Sharing a Shell'. Can you pick up some different small objects and transport them such as beads, pasta shapes or Lego?



## Maths

<p>Go on a mini beast hunt!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can you look for some mini beasts near where you live?</li> <li>• Can you draw pictures of the different mini beasts you find?</li> <li>• Can you sort them into different groups by the number of wings, legs, colour or size?</li> <li>• Can you count how many you find?</li> <li>• Which is the biggest mini beast?</li> <li>• Which is the smallest?</li> <li>• Which is the longest?</li> <li>• Which is the shortest?</li> </ul>	<p>The Hungry Caterpillar eats different food every day of the week.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the days of the week?</li> <li>• Can you sing this 'days of the week' song?</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mXMofxtDPUQ">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mXMofxtDPUQ</a></p>	<p>Can you sing some of these number songs with your children?</p> <p>1,2,3,4,5 Once I Caught a Fish Alive <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=thTysPVvSSQ">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=thTysPVvSSQ</a></p> <p>5 Little Caterpillars <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SV-mQ4Hw3bg">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SV-mQ4Hw3bg</a></p> <p>The Ants go Marching <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pjw2A3QU8Qg">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pjw2A3QU8Qg</a></p>
<p>Why not make your own paper plate mini beast.</p> <p><a href="https://hwb.gov.wales/api/storage/2a852696-5bbf-4ef6-9f12-51db1a1b199d/040-1-0186-16-17paper_plate_minibeasts_LR.pdf">https://hwb.gov.wales/api/storage/2a852696-5bbf-4ef6-9f12-51db1a1b199d/040-1-0186-16-17paper_plate_minibeasts_LR.pdf</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How many legs do you need?</li> <li>• Can you count the number of spots on your ladybird?</li> </ul>	<p>Butterflies are symmetrical. They have the same pattern on both sides of their wings. Have a go at butterfly printing.</p> <p>You will need: A piece of paper Paint</p>  <p>Fold the piece of paper in half, put paint on one side, fold the paper closed, press the paper together and then open to reveal your beautiful butterfly!</p>	 <p>The Hungry Caterpillar eats lots of fruit in the story.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can you create a fruit kebab pattern?</li> <li>• What patterns can you make with 2 fruits?</li> <li>• What patterns can you make with 3 fruits?</li> </ul>

## **Physical Development**

<p>Can you join in with 'Andy Under the Sea' and use your body to move like the sea creatures you find? <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/p06tmn51/andys-wild-workouts-series-1-1-under-the-sea">https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/p06tmn51/andys-wild-workouts-series-1-1-under-the-sea</a></p> <p>Can you join in with Andy underground and use your body to move like a mini beast? <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/p06tmry2/andys-wild-workouts-series-1-9-the-undergrowth">https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/p06tmry2/andys-wild-workouts-series-1-9-the-undergrowth</a></p>	<p>The Hungry Caterpillar eats different types of food in the story.</p> <p>What sorts of food are good for us?</p> <p>Have a look at the change4life website for some delicious recipe ideas and facts about healthy food.</p> <p><a href="https://www.nhs.uk/change4life">https://www.nhs.uk/change4life</a></p>	<p>Have fun using your imagination to move around your house or garden like different types of mini beast.</p> <p>Can you be a wiggly worm or flap your wings like a butterfly?</p> <p>Listen to this piece of music. How does it make you want to move? <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M93qXQWaBdE">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M93qXQWaBdE</a></p>
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## My world and the world around me

If you have a magnifying glass, take it with you on your minibeast hunt.

Look under rock, stones and logs to find different minibeasts.

Can you identify what you have found? Look at the minibeasts fact files we've attached or in a book to discover out more about the different minibeasts you find.

Can you make your own bug hotel? This is a place to attract all different types of insects.

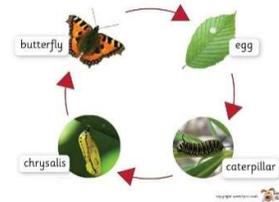
You can make a simple one for your garden or windowsill using this guide.

<https://b2m4q7y8.stackpathcdn.com/blog/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/EYFS-Easy-Bug-Hotels-1.pdf>

Take a virtual visit to Sydney Aquarium.

They have videos of the different sea creatures there and live streams of the keepers feeding different creatures, including the sharks!

<https://www.sydneyaquarium.com.au/explore/live-stream/>



In 'The Hungry Caterpillar' the caterpillar changes into a butterfly at the end of the story.

Have a look at this amazing video which shows the butterfly life cycle.

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