

What's at the Bottom of the Garden?

Topic words	
Life cycle	A life cycle is a series of stages a living thing goes through during its life
Chrysalis	The hard outside covering on a moth or butterfly while it is a pupa, the stage before it becomes an adult with wings
Growing	To become larger by natural development
Minibeast	A minibeast is simply a small animal. Spiders, snails, slugs, beetles, centipedes, worms, earwigs, caterpillars
Habitat	A habitat is a place that an animal lives. It provides the animal with food, water and shelter.
Living thing	Living things move, respond to stimuli, reproduce and grow, respire, and are dependent on their environment. Most living things need food, water, light, temperatures within defined limits, and oxygen.

By the end of this topic.....

- * I will understand the life cycle of a butterfly.
- * I will experience the changes during the life cycle of a butterfly.
- * I will grow my own plant and observe the changes that happen.
- * We will discuss different types of habitats and the animals that live there.
- * I will be able to talk about different minibeasts.
- * I will be able to understand what a living thing is.

Curriculum Links

Knowledge and Understanding the World - The Natural World

3-4 Years - Plant seeds and care for growing plants.

Understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant and an animal.

Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things.

Reception - Explore the natural world around them.

Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside

ELG - Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including seasons and changing states of matter.

Explore the natural worlds around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants.

Links to our core values...

How can we show love, respect and friendship within our world and the creatures within it?

Reflect on how love, respect and friendship is shown within stories relating to our topic.

Exciting Books

