



Week	Topic Mini-beasts	R.E.	Books	Cooking	Activities	Areas of Development
						30-50 months 50-60 months
1	Growing Beans	EXPLORE That everyone has good news.	Jaspers Beanstalk By Nick Butterworth	Beans on toast	Grow beans, measuring bean stalks, collage flowers with seeds, bean life cycle. Days of the week.	<p>PSED: Demonstrates friendly behaviour, initiating conversations and forming good relationships with peers and familiar adults. Shows confidence in asking adults for help. Can usually tolerate delay when needs are not immediately met, and understands wishes may not always be met. Can usually adapt behaviour to different events, social situations and changes in routine.</p>
2	Mini-beasts Spiders, snails	Focus 1 God knows and loves me. God knows my name	The Very busy spider by Eric Carle	Spider biscuits	Mini-beast hunt, movable spiders, spider collage, glue webs, cork snails, spiral snails, Jean Miro snail, playdough and shells. Grow grass.	<p>Communication and Language: Joins in with repeated refrains and anticipates key events and phrases in rhymes and stories Beginning to understand 'why' and 'how' questions. Questions why things happen and gives explanations. Asks e.g. who, what, when, how. Uses a range of tenses (e.g. play, playing, will play, played). Uses intonation, rhythm and phrasing to make the meaning clear to others.</p>
3	Mini-beasts Butterflies and caterpillars	Focus 2 Pentecost: The joy and happiness the Good News of Jesus brings.	The hungry caterpillar by Eric Carle	Fruit kebabs	Life cycle of butterfly, make material caterpillars, collage butterflies, caterpillar threading, display caterpillar with food on each body part, caterpillar grass tights,	<p>Literacy: Describes main story settings, events and principal characters. Recognises familiar words and signs such as own name and advertising logos. Gives meaning to marks they make as they draw, write and paint</p>

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4	Mini-beasts Ladybirds	Respond Remembering, celebrating and responding to the understanding that everyone has good news and that Pentecost is the celebration of the Good News of Jesus.	The bad tempered ladybird by Eric Carle / what the ladybird heard by Julia Donaldson	Ladybird cup cakes 	Symmetrical ladybirds, paint spots on ladybirds, stained glass ladybird, ladybird paper plate	<p>Maths: Shows an interest in number problems. Compares two groups of objects, saying when they have the same number. Selects a particular named shape.</p> <p>Revisit; shape space and measure throughout the term</p> <p>UW: Knows some of the things that make them unique, and can talk about some of the similarities and differences in relation to friends or family. Talks about why things happen and how things work</p> <p>Knows that information can be retrieved from computer</p>
5	Mini-beasts Worms, beetles etc.		Super worm by Julia Donaldson	Mud cups 	Worm jelly, wormery, cheerio worms, worm measure, clean mud play (soap tissue and chocolate powder)	<p>EAD: Understands that they can use lines to enclose a space, and then begin to use these shapes to represent objects. Beginning to be interested in and describe the texture of things.</p> <p>Sings to self and makes up simple songs. Captures experiences and responses with a range of media, such as music, dance and paint and other materials or words</p>

This is subject to the children's interests and may change.