KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD	MINIBEASTS	RECEPTION AND NURSERY/EYFS

Cross curricular links

Literacy – Describing observations and discussing changes over time

Mathematics- Observing patterns

Creative Development- Sketching what they observe

Pictures/photos relevant to topic

Key skills

Ask questions about the natural world
Make observations about the natural world around them
Explore the natural world around them by drawing pictures of animals
Show care and concern for living things
Understand some simple animal life cycles.
Develop an understanding of changes over time
Talk about why changes observed happen
Understand some simple animal life cycles.
Look closely at patterns and change
Show care and concern for the environment

Key Vocabulary/definitions

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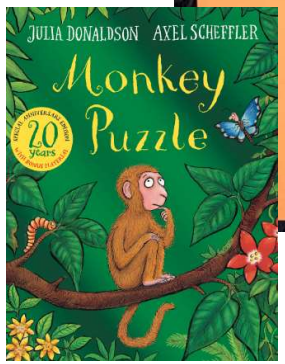
Minibeast	*Minibeasts are 'small creatures', like worms, snails, insects and spiders.*
Life Cycle	*A life cycle is a number of changes that an animal will go through over the course of their life.*
Frog, tadpole, froglet	*The stages of a frog's lifecycle*
Chick, chicken, egg	*The stages of a hen or chicken's lifecycle*
Butterfly, caterpillar, cocoon	*The stages of a butterfly's lifecycle*

Home Learning

Creative

There are lots of creative ideas you could try here:
https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2019/06/minibeast-activities-crafts/
Including a handprint spider like the one shown on the right.

Reading

There are lots of books about lifecycles you could read/ borrow from the library:

- Monkey Puzzle – Julia Donaldson
- The Hungry Caterpillar- Eric Carle
- Daisy and the Egg- Jane Simmons
- The Teeny-Weeny Tadpole – Sheridan Cain and Jack Tickle