

How Does Your Garden Grow?



Minibeasts



Year R Homework Summer Term

Our topics this term are How Does Your Garden Grow? and Minibeasts. The following homework tasks are related to our topics and should be completed while we are focusing on them (How Does Your Garden Grow? – Summer 1, Minibeasts – Summer 2). The tasks do not need to be completed in order. Make sure to complete one task per week and hand it in on Thursday, ready to be looked at and handed back on a Friday. Please remind your child to work with a **writing pencil** (not pen) and to treat the book as he or she does their workbooks at school – best handwriting, formation and presentation.

How Does Your Garden Grow?:

1. Go on a wildlife adventure walk! Take some photos of the different plants, flowers, fruits, berries, vegetables, trees, bushes and seeds that you find along the way. Glue your favourite photos into your book and write a short sentence about what you found.
2. Have a go at planting some seeds. Use what you have learnt in class to plant the seeds and look after them. You could take some photos of the process, or draw some pictures to show what you did and how you looked after them.
3. Do a painting using only flowers, plants, fruits and vegetables. What different textures can you make? Can you create a pattern? When your painting is complete, write down the different objects you used to make your painting.
4. Design a farm. You can do this in any way you like. Make sure to think about the different animals, crops, machinery and people that might be on your farm. Have a go at writing some labels for the different elements of your farm.
5. Take a trip to a supermarket, or look through your next food shopping delivery. Have a look at the different food items. Pick 2 or 3 to draw a picture


of. Then, write down what the items are, what type of food they are, which country they came from, and how much they cost.

E.g. Green Beans – Vegetable – Egypt – 50p



Minibeasts:

1. Design your own minibeast. You can add any features you like to your minibeast, such as wings, legs, horns, spikes, eyes, etc. Make sure to name and label your design so that I know what features you have given your creation.
2. Go on a bug hunt around your garden, local park or outside area. Write down the different minibeasts you find and tally up the amount of each you found with the total number written next to your tally marks. As an extra challenge, you could count up the total amount of minibeasts you found, or how many legs/wings/eyes there were in each group.

E.g. Ladybird =  = 5 (Total of 30 legs) (Total of 10 wings)

3. Have a go at designing and making a bug home or hotel. Watch the following video for some tips and ideas...
http://www.viewpure.com/Smv_9vgN39A?start=0&end=0#kpvalbx=__5KBYPfXKIKhgQbHwYuwCA16&ref=home
Remember to design your bug home or hotel in you book first and label it. Then create and take photos.
4. Learn and play the game Beetle Drive with your family. At the top of your page, write the numbers 1 to 6 and draw the body part that goes with it. While playing, get all participants to draw their beetles in your homework book with their names underneath their drawings. (Beetle drive instructions)
- http://www.viewpure.com/Jxe__lV9VHw?start=0&end=0
5. Follow the recipe to make Honey Biscuits. Make sure to take some photos and stick them in your book. Then write a short sentence explaining your favourite part of the baking process and what they tasted like.

E.g. I loved measuring out all the ingredients. The biscuits tasted very sweet!

(See recipe on the next page)



Honey Biscuits

Ingredients

To make 30 biscuits you will need:

100g soft butter

100g sugar

1 large tablespoon honey

1 egg yolk

1 level teaspoon cinnamon

180g self-raising flour

Equipment

1 large bowl

1 wooden spoon

1 tablespoon

1 teaspoon

1 greased baking tray

Method

1. Cream the butter and sugar together in the bowl.
2. Beat in the honey and the egg yolk.
3. Add the cinnamon and flour, and mix into soft dough.
4. Using a teaspoon, take small amounts of dough and roll them gently into balls - you should have enough dough for about 30 balls.
5. Place all the balls on a greased baking tray.
6. Cook for 10 minutes at 175°C.
7. Remove biscuits from the oven and place on a wire rack to cool.
8. Eat and enjoy!

