Play & Learning Newsletter

17th-21st July 2023

**Caterpillar, minibeast, bugs, ladybird, camouflage.**

Wonder words to use with your child:

Our final full week at pre-school and the children have thoroughly enjoyed learning all about minibeasts. We have learnt about the life cycles of butterflies, frogs and ladybirds through books, group time activities and out and about bug hunts. The children found the life cycle of a ladybird the most fascinating and were very surprised at what a baby ladybird looks like! Not what you might expect. Learning about bugs and insects and their habitats is very enjoyable for your children and teaches them to appreciate and respect their environment and our impact on it.

It has also been a very emotional week all around with lots of goodbyes. Our children have although sometimes felt nervous have been looking forwards to their next adventure with confidence and enthusiasm and we wish you all the best of luck. Please don’t be strangers and come by and say hello to us all.

 **Out & About sessions:**

The Flying Fish children have been bug hunting in Illogan Woods this week, and making bug hotels for the ones they found. They demonstrated good observational skills whilst hunting for the bugs and used a tick chart to mark them off.

 Ideas to support your child at home:

The next time you are in the woods for a walk encourage your child to look out for any little bugs or minibeasts, stop for a while and let them explore these natural resources.

Save up some boxes, pots, tubes etc that you would usually put in the recycling and let your child use them to create bug houses, something from their imagination or a challenge which you give them (e.g a house to fit their teddy in, a boat to flaot in the bath). Masking tape is great for them to use independently as they can easily rip it to be able to use it).