

Class: Willow Class

Term: Summer 1st half 2026



BRABIN'S ENDOWED PRIMARY SCHOOL

Topic – Come outside!

April - May 2026

Getting Started

Mini beasts topic – linked to children’s interests

Author study - Yuval Zommer The big book of bugs (non-fiction text/ Eric Carle – Fiction)

Introducing the topic through having our own caterpillars, the children will watch them grow and develop into butterflies.

We will focus on each part of the life cycle of a butterfly, using power points, information books and key vocabulary.

During Minibeast hunts we will look at different habitats where we might find mini beasts and discuss how we could look after the habitats in our school grounds. The children will use magnifying glasses and collections pots then record what they have seen.

Culture Capital	Visits	Visitors	Experiences	Events
Minibeast hunt - British value and citizenship – Feelings <i>Celebrations that we take part in.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>St George’s Day 23rd April 2026</i> • <i>World Earth Day 22nd April 2026</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sir David Attenborough 100th birthday 8th May 26</i> 		Forest school day 22 nd May 2026	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mini beast’s topic</u></p> The children will complete observational drawings of a mini beasts they find on our school grounds and add plenty of detail using a pencil. The children will choose a mini beast they would like to recreate using clay. Take part in planting activities.	Weekly Forest school sessions with Pre-school Wednesday afternoons Swimming lessons April – July 2026 Monday afternoons. Welcome Wednesdays April – July 2026

Characteristics of Learning

Playing and exploring - engagement	Active learning - motivation	Creating and thinking critically - thinking
Playing with what they know. Exploring.	Enjoying achieving what they set out to do. Keep trying.	Having their own ideas.



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Technology

Sound – Use ipads to record videos and take photographs of minibeasts and their habitats. Children will evaluate their videos and photographs, for example can you see the minibeasts, what can you see in the photograph, and can you describe the habitat?



RE – Miss Whitehead

Special times unit

The children will talk about special times in their own lives. They will learn about special times in world faiths such as Pentecost (Christianity), Eid (Islam), Rosh Hashanah (Judaism) and Holi (Hinduism).



PE with Miss Whitehead

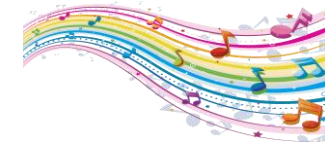
Fundamental skills focused unit
Running, jumping, throwing, hopping and catching.



Music

The main musical focus for this unit is **rhythm**.

- The children will respond to sounds, instruments and pieces of music through movement.
- Create rhythms using instruments and body percussion.
- Play instruments with increasing control.
- Tap rhythms to accompany words.



Literacy

- Nonfiction text – Minibeasts - **Yuval Zommer**
- Diary of our caterpillars.
- Who am I – questions
- Nonfiction fact file about a minibeast.
- Poetry basket - A little seed.
- Minibeasts – how they move, what do they look like?
- The Tiny Seed - **Eric Carle**

Mathematics

- Counting beyond 20.
- Composition of numbers.
 - Making 10.
 - More and less.

Physical development

- Finger gym challenges.
- Making spider webs.
- Letter formation.
- Yoga sessions.

Understanding the world .

- Technology– using ipads to learn how to take photos/videos of minibeasts/encourage children to describe what they can see.
- Minibeast hunt – where do they live/look like.
 - Life cycle of butterflies.
 - Habitats – observations.
 - Facts about minibeasts.

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PSED

- How to look after minibeasts in our environment.
- Habitats – how to look after their habitats.
 - Affirmation cards.
- Feelings -different situations.

Communication and Language

- Develop vocabulary - poetry.
- Guided reading sessions – high level vocabulary.
- Key questions linked to non-fiction books.
- A range of fiction/nonfiction texts.

Expressive Arts and Design

- Clay minibeasts.
- Sketching minibeasts – observational drawings
 - Collage.
- Symmetry - making butterflies.

Educational Programmes