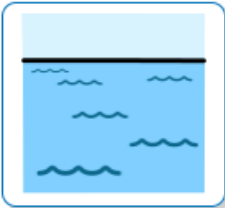


Witham Class Year 1/2– Mad About Minibeasts- Summer Term 1 2026

Dig out your wellies and waterproofs, we are going on a creepy crawly adventure!

Living things can be found within habitats. Habitats are suited to the plants and animals found within them. Global habitats include deserts, rainforests, savannahs, oceans and woodlands. We will explore some animals and plants found in these habitats and think about why they thrive there.



What was our local high street like in the past?

Our local area– Holbeach high street has lots of different features such as lampposts, shops and a church. Did you know that some aspects have been here since the 1950s while others have changed?

Photos from then and now, maps and fieldwork are ways to find out about the history of our local area.



Glossary

Living– living things are plants including seeds and animals.

Dead– These are things that have once been alive, including animals and parts of plants no longer attached.

Never been alive– These are things like rock, metal and plastic.

Past– something that has already happened.

Present– this is what is happening now.

Habitat– A natural home or environment of a living thing.

Micro-habitat– A small area within a habitat such as bark or leaves.

Mini-beast– A small invertebrate animal such as an insect or spider.

Insect– An animal that has six legs.



Making Minibeasts

Eric Carle was the author of books such as 'The Hungry Caterpillar' and 'The Bad-Tempered Ladybird'.

He created coloured, textured papers and cut them into collages to make his pictures. Cutting and tearing the paper gives different effects to make soft petals and crisp leaves.

Year 1's will use running stitches and Year 2's will use blanket stitch to create nature motifs inspired by plants and minibeasts.

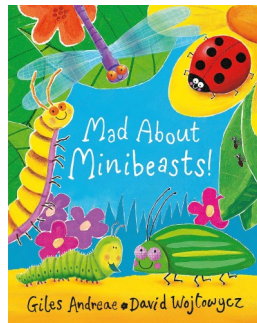


English

Poetry is a fun way to learn more about minibeasts! Each poem in *'Mad About Minibeasts'* tells us facts and uses rhyme. Our riddles about minibeasts will also use rhyme and similes too!

Non chronological reports give the reader useful information about a theme. Our theme is habitats and things that grow there. Statements will give our reader interesting facts.

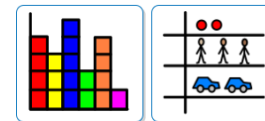
Writing skills can be applied to support other areas of learning. In Science, writing shares facts and explanations. In D&T, writing includes step by step instructions to make objects like felt pouches that link to Computing.



Maths

Statistics - Year 2

Data and information can be shown in different ways. We will learn how to create and interpret tables, tally charts, pictograms and block diagrams.



Weight, Mass, Capacity and Volume—Year 1 and 2

Understanding how to measure using both non-standard units as well as grams, kilograms, millilitres and litres.

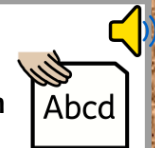


Place Value within 100—Year 1

Building upon our understanding of place value within 50. We will compare and order numbers within 100. We will explore different ways that numbers can be represented and how numbers can be partitioned into smaller parts.

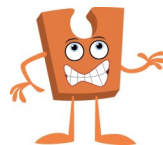
Phonics

There are different ways to spell sounds in the English language such as 'j' in giraffe, jacket and edge. There are also words where certain letters don't match their 'usual' sound, for example 'a' in wash makes the 'o' sound. We will focus on spelling words by choosing the right letters.



PSHE

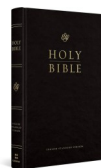
Our jigsaw journey in PSHE takes us to Relationships. We will look at family dynamics and begin to understand that all families are different. We will know what we expect in a friend and identify people that are special to us.



RE

What are sacred texts and why do they matter?

Some books may be described as special, sacred or holy. Many people believe that God has inspired people to tell or write about beliefs and value to help understand how to live their lives. We will explore the special and sacred texts from three religions to identify their origin and why they are considered sacred.



Computing

Digital books are made using an electronic device such as a computer or tablet. They can be read on the device and can include animation and sound.

In Purple Mash, the program 2Create a Story has the feature to allow characters to interact with one another along with added text.

Animated Stories

