

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. Work has continued over the past few weeks on our new nursery and it looks amazing. We will keep you updated via our Facebook page in the coming weeks on the progress!

We still have nursery places available – more information can be found on our Facebook page or via the school office. We are looking forward to being able to celebrate its completion with you when the times comes.



Kind regards,

Mrs Whelerton

Deputy Head Teacher



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The Community Carnival theme this year is '**Junk for Joy**'. Our talented SIRF Creative Carnival team will take you on a journey of junk discovery.

Weekly junk inspired workshops with easy to follow, step by step online tutorials will be available to view via the SIRF **Social Media channels**. You can join in each week or catch up by viewing the **workshops** when you can. We have lots of exciting activities planned over the next few weeks including groove missions with Urban Kaos, DIY Drumming, Carnival crafts with household Junk.



<https://sirf.co.uk/carnival-workshops/back-chat-brass-activity-1/>

POPSICLE STICK CATAPULT

STEM ACTIVITY FOR KIDS



LITTLE BINS
OF LITTLE HANDS

Use **maths** to determine the supplies needed to build the catapults. Use your **engineering** skills to build the popsicle stick catapults. Use **science** to test how far the items travel from the catapult.

Catapult Supplies

- Rubber Bands
- X10 lolly sticks
- Firing Power (marshmallows, pompoms, pencil top erasers)
- Plastic Spoon (optional)
- Bottle Cap
- Sticky Dots

Make a prediction. Which object will fly the furthest? Why do you think one will fly further than the other?

Follow the link to guide you through step by step instructions to make your catapult.

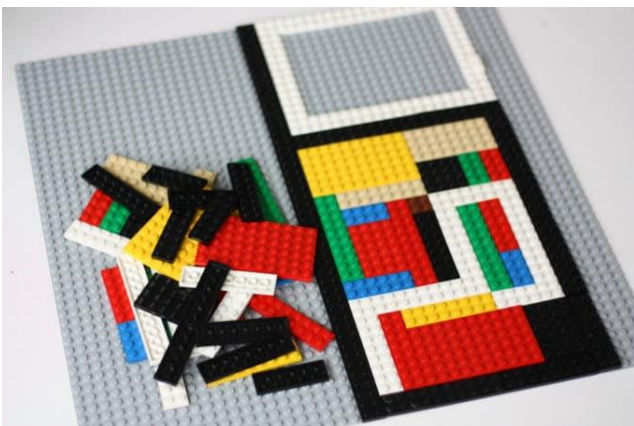
Test and measure how far each item goes when flung from the catapult. Record your results. Were your predictions correct?

<https://littlebinsforlittlehands.com/popsicle-stick-catapult-kids-stem-activity/>

LEGO SYMMETRY

LEGO is one of the best known toys around, but it's so much more than a toy if you look closely. LEGO can be used to teach maths.

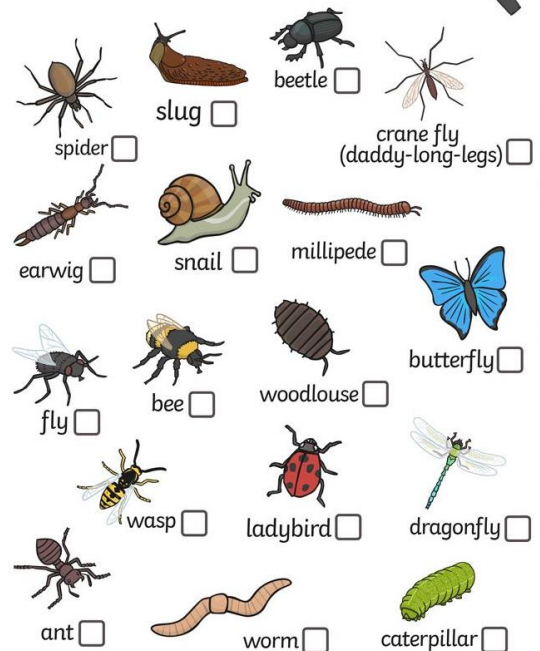
Try this fun symmetry challenge! Set up half a baseplate with an abstract image and have your child complete it using the principles of symmetry!



Go outdoors this week and see which minibeasts you can find.

Minibeast Hunt

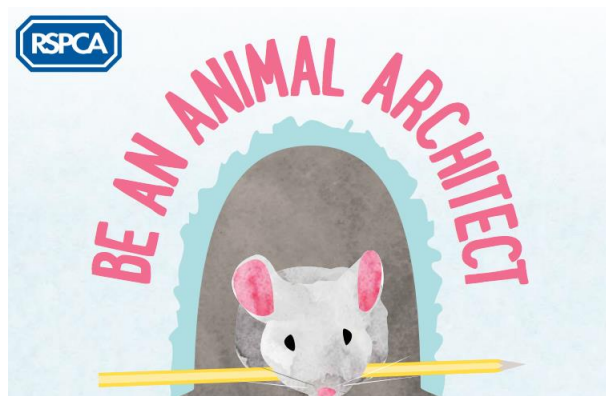
Tick the minibeasts that you have found!



Animal Activities

Explore the RSPCA's home learning resources for some exciting animal activities.

<https://education.rspca.org.uk/home-resources>



Rainbow Veggie Kebabs

Choose the colour-coded veggies you like best for each colour of the rainbow.

- Blue, indigo and violet vegetables: purple cauliflower, black or kalamata olives
- Green vegetables: green peppers, broccoli florets, cucumbers, sugar snap peas
- Yellow vegetables: yellow cherry tomatoes, yellow peppers, yellow baby carrots
- Orange vegetables: orange cherry tomatoes, orange peppers, baby carrots or carrot coins
- Red vegetables: red cherry or grape tomatoes, red peppers

For each veggie kabab, thread one or two of each colour veggie onto the skewer, pushing them part way down.

Can you train like a footballer?

<https://plprimarystars.com/resources/train-like-a-footballer>

Home learning - Train like a Footballer



KS1/Foundation, KS2
Locomotor skills

Using the motion capture technology used to generate EA SPORTS' series of FIFA video games, and featuring Manchester United striker Marcus Rashford, these clips show how to master simple movements to help you train like a footballer.



Kindness Calendar

<https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-involved/teaching-resources/kindness-calendar>

The power of kindness calendar

Use your calendar to record your daily kindness acts.

The power of kindness calendar helps children and young people learn about and carry out kind acts. There are different sets of kindness activities for both primary school children and secondary school students. For younger learners, facilitators and children will think of kind acts they can do during the month and add them to the blank calendar. For example, they could be more helpful at home, write to a relative or think about how they can safely help someone in the community. For older learners the activities can be carried out individually or together as a family.

