

Enjoy the Countryside SAFELY

MINI-BEASTS AND NATURE CHALLENGES

AWARENESS POSTERS

The children design and make awareness posters about tick bite safety. Give them pointers about layout, impact and the right balance of images and text.

WANTED POSTERS

The children make "WANTED" posters of Britain's most dangerous bug. What are its crimes and what special skills make it dangerous to the public? Show the children some examples of wanted posters to inspire them.

ICT RESEARCH PROJECT

Children choose their favourite insect or arachnid, research its lifecycle online and produce an information sheet about it, or give a presentation to the class.

MATHS

Children select FOUR bugs and conduct a survey among classmates to find out how many children have seen each bug in the local area, then make bar charts or pictograms of their results.

"MYSTERY-ME" GAME

Write the name of a mini-beast on a post-it note which is stuck on a child's forehead. He/she asks yes/no questions to find out which bug he/she is.
eg. Do I have eight legs? Do I drink blood? Can I fly? Am I green?

CREATIVE WRITING

Children imagine they are an insect or arachnid and describe their adventures for a day. Set the scene by asking them to imagine the personality and mood of the creature, what it wants and how it feels. Is their bug a villain or a hero?

ICT SCIENCE RESEARCH PROJECT

Children research the Jurassic OR Cretaceous periods online. They should make posters in groups showing EITHER what insects existed for wasps to eat in the Jurassic, OR what flowering plants existed in the Cretaceous for bees to eat. Help them to plan layout, the right mix of text and pictures, and use of colour.

BUG COLLAGE

Children choose their favourite insect or arachnid, and make a large collage showing it in detail. Encourage them to bring in different materials such as shiny foil, transparent cellophane or even furry fabric to make the various parts of the body.

GARDEN DESIGN CHALLENGE

Ask the children to design a garden and draw it. Will it be a poison garden with dangerous plants? Will it be an edible garden with plants to eat? Will it be a nature garden to encourage wildlife, or a pretty garden planned just for beauty?

ICT DESIGN PROJECT

The children design a warning sign about a dangerous plant. Encourage them to download an image of the plant, and plan the wording and layout to warn people of the danger. **BE AWARE THAT SOME ONLINE IMAGES OF CHILDREN WITH INJURIES CAUSED BY GIANT HOGWEED MAY BE DISTRESSING.**

SPRINGTIME OUTDOOR ACTIVITY

Ask children to bring pips or seeds from fruit and vegetables that they have eaten to school, and yoghurt pots or other plastic containers to turn into plant pots. Show the children how to plant the seeds and see how many germinate. Encourage them to think about why some will germinate and others will not.

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