



Teddy Time!

Ideas to help support your Teddy Tot child's development and learning at home, from week commencing 11th May 2020...

THEME: learning about growth, decay and change; focusing on mini-beasts; otherwise known as bugs/insects.

PSED - when looking at mini-beasts, explain why we need to be careful? Talk about 'gentle' and 'kind' hands.

CL/UW - make a 'bug garden' using a few sticks, leaves, slabs etc. After several days, turn over rocks, slabs... what can you see? Use descriptive language: fast, prickly, wet, wiggly etc. If you want to get really creative and make a 'Bug Hotel', there are some really good ideas on Twinkl and Pinterest. You could also go on a mini-beast hunt; using the sheet sent separately.

PD - can you move like a mini-beast? For example, flap like a butterfly, crawl like a caterpillar, slide like a snail etc.

M/EAD - look at the patterns on mini-beasts and talk about what you see. Encourage your child to create their own mini-beasts with materials from around the home and or by drawing/painting them on paper. You could make salt dough and create bugs.... then paint and decorate them once dried! (Instructions at end)

L- read books with a mini-beast theme, for e.g. The Very Hungry Caterpillar, the Bad Tempered Ladybird or similar.... or make up your own!

Salt Dough:

One cup plain or 'all purpose' flour, one cup salt, ½ cup water

Mix together, until dough forms.....knead for approx 15 min's

Create your bugs.... bake for 3 hours at 150 degrees, or leave for several days until completely dry.

Once dry, decorate with paint- you can use acrylic, or use some PVA glue mixed into poster paint.

Handy Tip: if you make a hole in the top of your bug (using a straw or similar) when it is still soft, you can thread a ribbon through it once it has dried out...then you can hang it up somewhere!