

# **August 2025 Newsletter**

We are pleased to bring you the August newsletter, sharing with you some of the children's activities and areas of learning along with tips on how to support learning at home

# A MESSAGE FROM THE NURSERY MANAGEMENT TEAM

Welcome to our August Newsletter!

As we step into the final stretch of summer, we're excited to share all the wonderful things happening at Millwood House this month. August brings new beginnings, fresh opportunities, and a chance to reconnect before the school year kicks off. In this edition you'll find updates, upcoming events, and helpful resources to support you and your family.

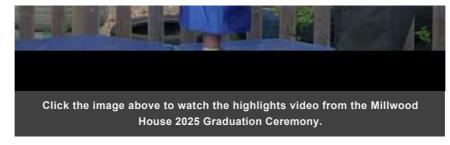
Thank you for being such an important part of our journey—we're so glad you're here!

#### Thank You for Celebrating With Us!

We would like to extend our deepest thanks to everyone who joined us for the Class of 2025 Graduation and our Summer Garden Party. Your presence, kind words, thoughtful cards, and generous gifts made the occasion truly special and memorable.

As we say goodbye to one chapter and welcome the next, we want to wish all our graduates the very best as they begin their school journey. May it be filled with excitement, growth, and success. We're so proud of each and every one of you!





































# A LOOK BACK AT LAST MONTH

The Ladybird Room has been making the most of the lovely weather by taking their indoor activities outside. The children have especially enjoyed exploring the sensory tray, which was filled with sand and water—an absolute favourite! It's been wonderful to see them engaging with nature while continuing to learn and play.

The Caterpillar Room had a fantastic time during our Millwood House Beach Day!

The children explored a beach-themed tuff tray, discovering a variety of textures and creating their own sea creatures. The highlight of the day was getting wet and fully immersed in the seaside experience—laughter and splashes all around!

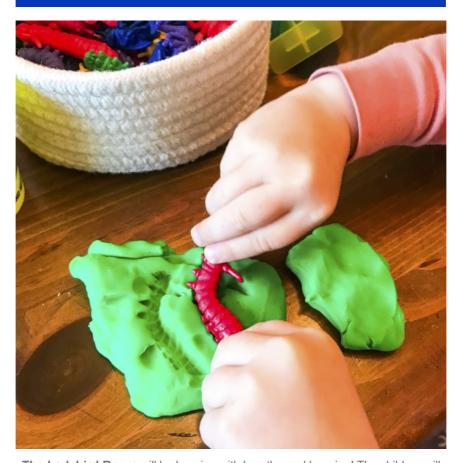
The children in the Butterfly Room had a wonderful time exploring a beach-themed sensory walk, feeling and talking about the different textures beneath their feet as they stepped through each tray. They also got creative with sand art, made cheerful seagull crafts, and designed bright, colourful fish for our display. To top it all off, they sculpted their own sea creatures using playdough—an imaginative and tactile experience enjoyed by all!

## THIS MONTH'S TOPIC WILL BE MINIBEASTS

August is all about exploring the fascinating world of minibeasts across all our rooms.

From bug hunts in the garden to creative crafts and sensory play, the children will be learning through hands-on, imaginative activities. The Ladybirds will be making nature butterflies, fossil imprints, and singing the Rainbow Song. Caterpillars will be crafting colourful insects, building a bug hotel, and discovering bugs up close with magnifying glasses. Butterflies will be getting messy with oobleck, creating bug fossils, and playing fun insect-themed games to boost early maths and language skills.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH IN THE LADYBIRD ROOM



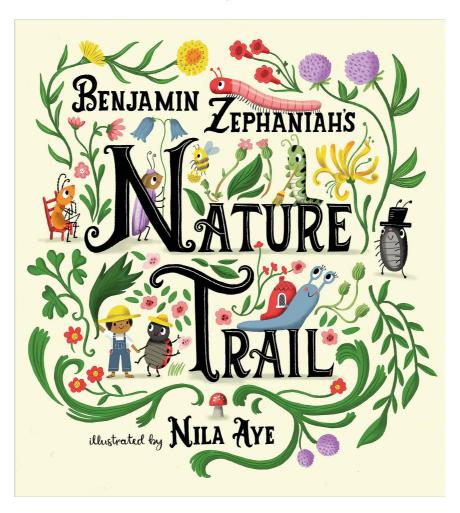
The Ladybird Room will be buzzing with bug-themed learning! The children will enjoy a variety of sensory activities, including trays and bottles filled with textures to explore, creative bug crafts, and nature walks to discover the world around them.

They'll make beautiful nature butterflies using items collected from the garden and

press toy bugs into playdough to create fossil imprints—an activity that's not only fun but also great for strengthening little fingers. The children will also explore bug shapes using food items, adding a tasty twist to their learning.

To continue building our understanding of colours, we'll be singing and signing the Rainbow Song together—bringing music, movement, and learning into one joyful experience!

The Ladybird Book of the Month will be: Benjamin Zephaniah's "Nature Trail".



# WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH IN THE CATERPILLAR ROOM



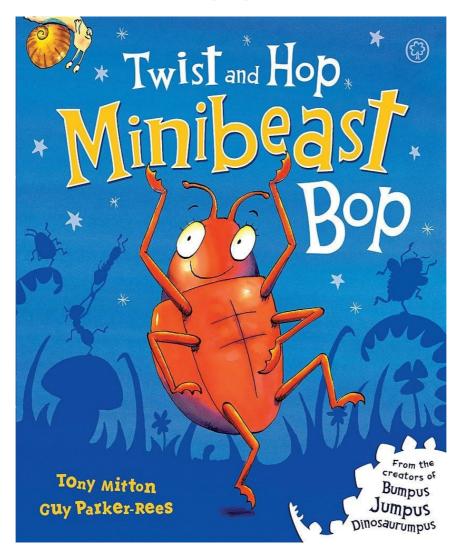
**The Caterpillar Room** will be buzzing with excitement as the children dive into the world of minibeasts! Using magnifying glasses, they'll observe bugs up close and go on a minibeast walk through the garden to discover insects in their natural environment.

Along the way, they'll collect natural items to create a themed tuff tray, bringing their discoveries into play. The children will also enjoy crafting colourful caterpillars,

spiders, and bees-encouraging creativity and fine motor skills.

In a special eco-friendly project, they'll be recycling an old dolls' house to build a bug hotel and give creepy crawlies a cosy new home. Flashcards will help them learn the names of different bugs while counting legs, spots, and other features, making learning both fun and educational.

The Caterpillar Book of the Month will be: "Twist and Hop the Minibeast Bop" by Tony Mitton



# WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH IN THE BUTTERFLY ROOM



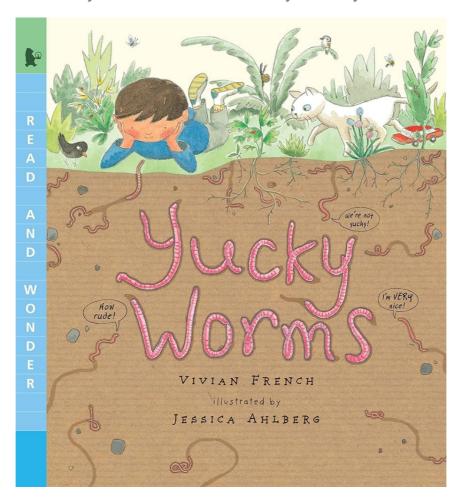


The Butterfly Room will be full of messy, sensory fun as the children explore the world of bugs! They'll enjoy trays filled with oobleck and soil, squish bugs into playdough to create fossil imprints, and go on exciting bug hunts in the garden, observing where bugs live and learning how to care for them.

To support their learning, the children will play bug-themed matching games and use flashcards to identify different insects, count legs, spots, and other features.

These activities will spark curiosity and support early maths and language development in a fun, hands-on way.

The Butterfly book of the month will be: "Yucky Worms" by Vivian French



## SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD AT HOME

### **Q** Explore & Discover

Bug Hunts: Go on a garden or park walk to spot bugs. Use magnifying glasses to observe them closely and talk about where they live.

Bug Hotel: Build a simple bug hotel using recycled materials like sticks, leaves, and cardboard to attract insects.

### **©** Creative Crafts

Make Bug Art: Use paper, paint, or natural items to create butterflies, ladybirds, or spiders.

Playdough Fossils: Press toy bugs into playdough to make imprints and talk about their shapes and features.

### **Learning Through Play**

Bug Flashcards: Use or make flashcards to learn bug names, count legs, wings, and spots.

Matching Games: Match bugs by colour, shape, or number of legs to support early maths and observation skills.

### Sensory & Messy Play

Bug Sensory Trays: Fill trays with soil, sand, or oobleck and hide toy bugs for children to find and describe.

Edible Bug Shapes: Use snacks like fruit or crackers to create bug shapes and count parts as you eat!

### **5** Songs & Stories

Sing Bug Songs: Try songs like *Incy Wincy Spider* or *There's a Worm at the Bottom of My Garden*.

Read Bug Books: Choose stories featuring minibeasts and talk about their adventures and habitats.

# **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Thursday 18th September we will be holding a MacMillan Coffee Morning in the carpark



We have had some lovely reviews left for us on <u>The Day Nurseries website</u>, please feel free to leave a <u>review</u> and also on <u>google</u>. You can ask member of staff for a form or use the QR code link that can be found on the outdoor notice boards

In addition we would encourage your review and positive comments on our google business page.



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