

### Minibeasts Week 1, 2 and 3

What we will be doing	What you can be doing at home
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talking about insects and bugs indigenous to East Anglia</li> <li>• Looking up facts in books</li> <li>• Cutting out pictures of bugs</li> <li>• Sticking with different materials</li> <li>• Painting Pictures</li> <li>• Going on a bug hunt</li> <li>• Drawing what we see</li> <li>• Recording our findings through pictures and writing</li> <li>• Singing bug theme related songs with musical instruments</li> <li>• Displaying our findings and projects</li> <li>• Reading stories that are bug related</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Find insects and bugs in the garden, patio or park</li> <li>• Read stories with a Minibeast theme</li> <li>• Talk about what they have been doing at nursery</li> <li>• Ask open ended questions</li> <li>• Discuss their work they bring home or have put on display</li> <li>• Look at the interest table when coming into nursery</li> <li>• Visit the Library</li> </ul>

### Buildings Week 4 and 5

What we will be doing	What you can be doing at home
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Looking at types of buildings around us</li> <li>• Discussing the uses of different features on the buildings</li> <li>• Looking on the internet at different buildings around the globe</li> <li>• Looking at buildings in Felixstowe</li> <li>• Construction and building with different materials</li> <li>• Drawing what we see</li> <li>• Reading stories that incorporate different buildings</li> <li>• Use of different buildings such as hospitals and fire stations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talk about the building you live in</li> <li>• Discuss what each room is used for</li> <li>• Chat on the way home, noticing buildings and there features</li> <li>• Read stories that have pictures of buildings that you can talk about (Point out small details)</li> <li>• Talk about what they have been doing at nursery</li> <li>• Look at and discuss the display board</li> </ul>

### All about Wheels Week 6 and 7

What we will be doing	What you can be doing at home
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talking about how wheels work and how we use them</li> <li>• Discussing when things use wheels</li> <li>• Finding out about what different wheels are made of</li> <li>• Collecting and recording information in different forms</li> <li>• Constructing vehicles with wheels</li> <li>• Cutting, sticking and making wheels</li> <li>• Looking at wheel chairs</li> <li>• Looking at different modes of transport around the globe</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talk about why wheels are round</li> <li>• Find stories that contain wheels so they can spot the wheels</li> <li>• Point out lorries, cars and busses on the way to nursery</li> <li>• Take your child out on their bike or scooter</li> <li>• Look at the display boards</li> <li>• Ask questions about their work when they bring it home</li> <li>• Discuss holidays and modes of transport</li> </ul>

### Our Coast Week 8 and 9

What we will be doing	What you can be doing at home
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Making a fishing game</li> <li>• Looking at lighthouses</li> <li>• Constructing boats and ships</li> <li>• Looking at the atlas to see our coastline</li> <li>• Discussing harbours and ports</li> <li>• Making and using binoculars</li> <li>• Decorating shells</li> <li>• Making postcards</li> <li>• Arts and crafts crabs</li> <li>• Plan a day at the beach hut</li> <li>• Talk about the coast line through the seasons</li> <li>• Seagull collage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talk about family holidays on the coast</li> <li>• Share pictures and information</li> <li>• Bring photos into nursery</li> <li>• Discuss what they have been doing at nursery</li> <li>• Bring items from home to share for the interest table or circle time</li> <li>• Discuss and share holiday souvenirs</li> <li>• Talk to grandparents or the older generation about childhood holidays</li> </ul>

## Sky Week 10 and 11

What we will be doing	What you can be doing at home
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss what's in the sky</li> <li>• Talk about what's manmade or natural</li> <li>• Talk about the weather</li> <li>• Create our own pretend fireworks display</li> <li>• Make toy planes that fly</li> <li>• Experiment with balloons</li> <li>• Make birds</li> <li>• Create our own sky display in the nursery</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss the weather in the mornings when coming to nursery and what you will need to wear</li> <li>• Point out planes/balloons</li> <li>• Talk about safety with fireworks and bonfire night</li> <li>• Talk about the moon and the stars</li> <li>• Discuss what they have been doing that day</li> <li>• Look at interest boards</li> </ul>

## Our Town, Our County week 12 and 13

What we will be doing	What you can be doing at home
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore the local environment</li> <li>• Discuss the Felixstowe port and town</li> <li>• Visit the viewing area to watch cranes and ships</li> <li>• Use local websites to gather information</li> <li>• Walk or ride to the library</li> <li>• Research local castle and towns</li> <li>• Find old photographs of Suffolk and compare with modern photographs</li> <li>• Draw a map with local towns</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talk about where you live and work</li> <li>• When travelling point out the features you see in Suffolk</li> <li>• Read the daily diary</li> <li>• Look at the local paper and read stories of interest</li> <li>• Walk to places of interest</li> <li>• bring items of interest into the nursery</li> </ul>

## Time Week 14

What we will be doing	What you can be doing at home
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talk about yesterday, today and tomorrow, seconds minutes and hours</li> <li>• Discuss past, present and future</li> <li>• Compare night and day</li> <li>• Discuss times for doing different activities</li> <li>• Make time pieces and calendars</li> <li>• Time activities around the nursery</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talk about which day, date and month it is</li> <li>• Take every opportunity to mention time e.g. let's wait five minutes or, we will do that tomorrow</li> <li>• Sing songs and read stories with a time theme</li> </ul>

## The Play Pit Curriculum Autumn 2013

### Term Dates and Themes

<b>Week One</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Mini Beasts
<b>Week Two</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Mini Beasts
<b>Week Three</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Mini Beasts
<b>Week Four</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Buildings
<b>Week Five</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> September – 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Buildings
<b>Week Six</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> October	All about Wheels
<b>Week Seven</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> October	All about Wheels
<b>Week Eight</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Our Coast
Half Term	28 <sup>th</sup> October – 1 <sup>st</sup> November – No Nursery Grant	
<b>Week Nine</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Our Coast
<b>Week Ten</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Sky
<b>Week Eleven</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Sky
<b>Week Twelve</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Our Town, Our County
<b>Week Thirteen</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Our Town, Our County
<b>Week Fourteen</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Time
<b>Week Fifteen</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Celebrations

This term we want the children to find out for themselves through experimentation and by using their imagination, working within our themes we will be encouraging the children to explore the community and environment around them, to help the children retain, use and broaden their knowledge this term we will be linking our curriculum with you the parent carer. Please find our helpful hints on what we shall be doing at nursery and how you can further develop their interests at home.