

Communication & Language

- Increase receptive and expressive vocabulary.
- Recite some rhymes without adult support.
- Talk about their work.
- Demonstrate increasing interest in stories.
- Dramatise simple parts of a story.
- Pay attention while another is speaking for an increasing length of time.

Physical Development

- Walk on a line.
- Use scissors, brushes and crayons functionally.
- Manipulate blocks and other objects.
- Walk backwards.
- Climb stairs with alternating feet.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- Display increasing autonomy and initiative.
- Attempt to complete a task before asking for adult assistance.
- Demonstrate interest in learning more about a new topic.
- Begin to take turns and share.
- Co-operate in pairs for short periods.
- Participate in story time and other group times.
- Play in small groups.

Vocabulary

ant
butterfly
caterpillar
chrysalis
cocoon
cricket
drain pipe
egg case
hatch
insect
ladybird
lazy
spider
spin
weave
web

Six Legs or Eight? - Learning Focus

Thematic Concepts

- Insects have three body segments and six legs.
- Spiders have two body segments and eight legs.
- Spiders are not insects, they spin webs.
- Spider webs are used to trap insects. They are sticky.

- Honey and beeswax are made by bees.
- Insects and spiders hatch from eggs.
- Caterpillars change into butterflies.
- All insects, like all animals and people, need air, food and water to live.

Literacy

- Write or draw to communicate.
- Begin to recognise simple parts of a story.

Mathematics

- Identify some simple repeating patterns.
- Sort by size.
- Count to 8.
- Classify by two categories.
- Recognise same and different.
- Match numerals with dots.

Understanding the World

- Know some scientific concepts.
- Make simple inferences.
- Observe and compare objects.
- Demonstrate visual discrimination.
- Sequence events.

Expressive Arts and Design

- Pretend and imitate in dramatic play activities.
- Experiment with and gain skill in using a variety of creative art materials.
- Explore music and rhythm with increasing control.

NOTE: Communication and Language development is a major focus in Curiosity Corner. This is best achieved through consistent teacher modelling, use of talk partners and co-operative learning strategies and encouraging children to work together.