Mini Beasts



Introduction

- **Let's sing** the months of the year song in English.
- What are the different **seasons** called in English?
- Which season is it **now?**
- Which months are the months of summer?
- What kind of INSECTS do we find in SUMMER?
- What do the insects do in summer? And in the other seasons?

Activity One – Flashcard Fun - Name the insects in English.

Activity Two – Nature Lovers activities and songs.

Hand Flowers

Trace outlines of the child's hand on paper. Cut out hand shapes. Using a pencil roll the fingers up so that they curl up. Curl the hand shape vertically into a sort of trumpet/lily shaped cylinder with the finger curls curling outwards. Staple the flower onto a drinking straw, along with cut-out leaves. Four or five of these make a nice bouquet.

Butterfly Footprints

- Large White Paper
- Paint
- Markers, Glitter, or Other Decorating Materials
- Put the Children's footprints on the paper (separated to make wings of a butterfly) Then (after they have dried) let the kids design their own unique butterfly

Activity Three – Insect Worksheets and Research

Then – Design your own insect!

Picnic Lunch at the Jardin des Plantes (or on the way)

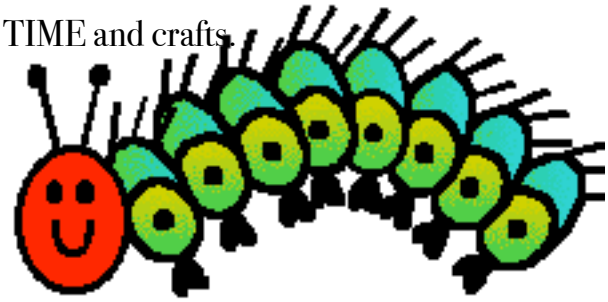
Activity Four – Insect Detectives at the Jardin des Plantes

Activity Five – Nature Trail – Nature Collection.

Activity Six – Nature Picture – Using your Collection Finds.

Activity Seven – Butterflies Flutter By.

Activity Eight. The very hungry caterpillar – STORY TIME and crafts.



Words you will practice –

- brown, red , yellow, blue, green, purple, white, black, orange
- food, apples, pears, plums, strawberries, oranges, cake, ice cream, pickle, cheese, salami, lollipop, cherry pie, sausage, cupcake, watermelon
- One – two – three – four – five - six – seven – eight – nine – ten – eleven – twelve – thirteen – fourteen – fifteen – sixteen – seventeen – eighteen – nineteen – twenty
- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, sunday
- : big, fat, little, small, beautiful
- leaf, tree, egg, moon, sun, cocoon

Activity Nine. **"The Very Hungry Caterpillar" Butterfly**

- Tissue Paper
- Paint, or colours, markers
- Twisty Ties

Cut out wings out of the tissue paper. Then decorate them. Next put the twisty tie around the wings to make the thorax and antennas. Then put all the butterflies in a bowl. Now wave books, poster board, etc. next to the bowl and watch the bugs fly

Activity Ten. **Now let's watch the cartoon of the story –**

http://web.tiscali.it/scuoleinrete29to/cater/The%20%20very%20hungry%20caterpillar1.htm

Question Time –

- What colour is it? It's blue / It is blue
- What animal is it? It's a caterpillar
- What is it? It's a plum
- What colour is the strawberry? It's red strawberry. It's red
- What size is it? It's big, it's small
- What's the date today?
- How many apples do you see. I see 2 apples.
- I like, I don't like.
- Do you like?
- I know – I don't know
- Yes it is – no it isn't = no it's not

Now we will do some activities and worksheets about the book.