



THE MULBERRY HOUSE
SCHOOL

Otters Termly Topics

Minibeasts – snails and worms

Aims:

- To teach children to treat living things with care and concern and to appreciate the wonder of nature.
- To find out about and identify features of worms/snails – body parts, functions of body parts.
- To compare and contrast movement, behaviour and response to certain conditions e.g. light/dark, wet/dry in snails/worms.
- To explore and examine worms/snails in their natural habitat and learn about eating habits, hibernation and self-defence.
- To learn the importance of worms and their role in aerating the soil so as to provide vital nutrients for plant growth.
- To provide the children with an opportunity to learn new terminology e.g. tentacle, saddle etc.

Seeds and growth

Aims:

- To understand the concept of growth i.e. living things grow independently and get bigger – through discussion and recapping on previous project work about themselves and looking at, recognising and naming things around them that grow.
- To understand that most of the plants and trees they see around them have grown from small trees.
- To have the opportunity to sow seeds and watch plants grow from them.
- To realise that plants need water, warmth and light (as they themselves do.)
- To promote care of living things.
- To learn the names of different parts of a plant.
- To appreciate the great variety and beauty of the plants around us.