

Art Week 2	Making a bug with natural materials
Starter	This week we are going to make insect pictures out of natural materials. First you need to watch https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oW804tc_wm4 and have a look at https://www.cbc.ca/parents/play/view/nature-bugs
Parent	The children should have already gone on a mini beast hunt but if they have not had an opportunity to then they could either look at the picture displayed on the website from the non-fiction book about insects, find their own insect book or use the internet to study an insect closely. They will need to collect natural materials to use from the garden or when out on a walk such as leaves, twigs, blossom petals, fir cones and seeds etc. Please ensure that they wash their hands after handling them and of course do not put anything in their mouths.
Activity with your child	Lay out the natural objects on a piece of plain paper or a surface that will be fine to have natural things on. Decide on certain parts to use the materials for such as when you choose the legs, try to make them all the same size, so you might need some scissors to cut them with. Remember that most insects have 6 legs and 2 sets of wings as well as antennae. Lay the materials out in the shape of your insect but do not try sticking them down. Take a photograph of them from above (aerial photo) and then you can start again by creating a different one, or just throwing the items in a compost bin. Here are some examples that my daughter made: Have fun!
Parent	You could send in the photo of your mini beast for the Artist of the Month competition if you wish.