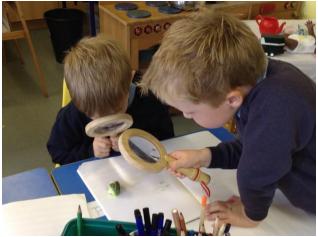
## Learning Journal 23.9.16

This week....we have been investigating the creatures that live around school. We found lots of different insects, slugs, snails, worms, spiders and other minibeasts. The children were fascinated by all the creatures and we have watched caterpillars make cocoons, spiders spin webs and worms tunnel down under the ground. We have drawn and made minibeasts and have collected some in our classroom to observe more closely. We also collected brambles and made a delicious pie which we ate on Friday afternoon.



















## Literacy and Phonics

Reception have worked on their sounds and are using them to read and build words with real confidence. We are also working hard to write our sounds down and making great progress. Our nursery children are also learning sounds and playing rhyming and listening games to help them distinguish the sounds in words.

## Mathematics

We all worked at matching numbers to quantities this week and played games where we had to count really carefully to complete the activity. We also started working with the Numicon which is a fantastic maths resource used throughout school to build children's understanding of number.

Help at Home......Reception children should all be bringing a book home to share now. If you read this at home please can you write in the yellow record book so that we know to change it. Nursery children can have a story sack with a story and a range of linked games and toys to play with. Please read the story and play with the games and toys together. Another great way to get your children to talk about their school experiences is to share this journal with them and ask them to tell you about their week at school. They often ask me to put things they have done in here and would love to tell you about them.

Next Week....we will be continuing on our work with minibeasts. We are also preparing for Harvest Festival which is on Friday 7<sup>th</sup>
October at 6pm. All children and families are welcome to join us for this special celebration at 5t Maurice's Church in Ellingham Village.

Other news.....here are some awesome woodland workshop pictures for you to enjoy.













