# Bugs and Bottle Tops

Week Beginning 1st June 2020.

Activity from <https://www.learning4kids.net/2016/03/20/bugs-and-bottle-tops/>

This is a fun and engaging activity for children to play if they have a keen interest in exploring bugs. This activity aims to develop the movements in children’s hands and their hand-eye coordination.

What you need:

* Bottle top lids (links nicely with our recycle Eco week).
* Tweezers
* Play bugs (plastic bugs you may have in house, or you can make them with natural materials such as seeds or painted stones).

Ideas

* Use the tweezers to pick up the bugs and place them into the bottle top.
* Turn the bottle tops over and place the different bugs sitting on top rather than inside the bottle top.
* Have a variety of bottle top and plastic lids sizes.
* Sort and match the bugs to the same colour bottle tops.
* Introduce other items that children can place the bugs onto such as blocks.
* Problem solving – what can we do with the bugs that are too big to fit into the bottle tops?

What are the children learning from this experience?

Curriculum for Excellence

I listen or watch for useful or interesting information and I use this to make choices or learn new things. LIT 0-04a

I enjoy investigating objects and shapes and can sort, describe and be creative with them. MTH 0-16a

Skills Developed

* Fine Motor Development – strengthens hands, wrists, and fingers.
* Hand-Eye Coordination and Control
* Concentration
* Colour recognition – matching
* Sorting, matching, and classifying
* Language development – names of bugs and colours
* Problem solving  – overcoming challenge

