

Habitats

Minibeasts

Minibeasts are 'small creatures', like worms, snails, insects and spiders. The scientific term for them is '**invertebrates**' – a **creature without a backbone.**

Because they don't have a backbone, minibeasts tend to have other structures which support and protect them. Snails have shells, while many insects and spiders have an 'exoskeleton', which is a hard casing on their outside. There are over 25,000 minibeast species in Britain.



wasp



bee



snail



dragonfly



ladybird



beetle



crane fly



spider



worm



woodlouse



slug



caterpillar



fly



ant



butterfly

Make a Bug Hotel

The best bug hotels have lots of small spaces in different shapes and sizes and are made from different materials. Ideally some should be nice and dry inside, others a bit damp. Bug hotels can be made from recycled material or natural objects.



Create minibeast artwork from finger prints or handprints



Make a snack for a hungry caterpillar

What do caterpillars really eat?

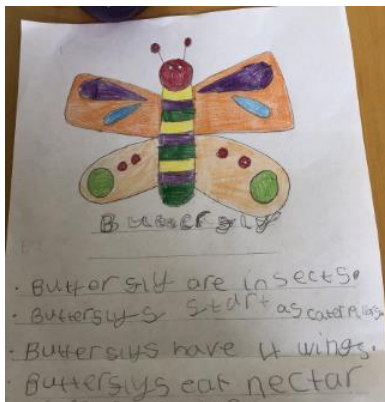
Flowers, grass, bark, twigs and moss



Check out the bee hive cam on
explore.org

<https://explore.org/livecams/honey-bees/honey-bee-hive-cam>

Make a fact file about a minibeast



Collect pebbles from your garden or on a walk. Paint them or draw on them to create bugs.



Research and record the lifecycle the life cycle of a butterfly



Take photos of places that you think a mini beast might live



Go on a bug hunt

You could use the chart below to tick the minibeasts that you see.



Bug Hunt Check List



spider

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woodlouse

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slug

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butterfly

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beetle

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wasp

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crane fly
(daddy-long-legs)

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ladybird

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earwig

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dragonfly

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snail

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ant

☐

millipede

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worm

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fly

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caterpillar

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bee

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