

Wriggle and Crawl



Put on your coat and wellies and let's head outside on a minibeast hunt.

This term, we'll head to a wetland or woodland to identify minibeast in their natural habitat. We'll write a guide book for other children to use on a minibeast hunt, draw sketch maps of our minibeast hunting area and create minibeast stories and poems. Heading out into the local area, we'll explore trees and bushes to see what lives there, investigate how far and how fast a snail can travel and create a minibeast habitat of our own. We'll draw delicate sketches of minibeast, make models from a variety of materials and use microscopes to observe minibeast up close. Our ICT skills will help us create a minibeast animation and we'll observe a beehive through live webcam footage.

A special assembly at the end of our project will give us the chance to share our knowledge. We'll create a PowerPoint presentation, use scientific vocabulary to explain what we have learnt, display our artwork and perform our minibeast poems with musical accompaniment.

ILP focus	Knowledge and understanding of the world
Language, literacy and communication	Lists and leaflets, instructions, reviews, information books, poetry
Mathematical development	Symmetry, positional language
Personal and social development, well-being and cultural diversity	Feeling positive
Knowledge and understanding of the world	Living things and their habitats, animals, working scientifically, sketch maps, fieldwork, origins of food
Physical development	Moving like a minibeast
Creative development	Tuned and untuned instruments, selecting natural materials, observational drawing, model making, stop motion animation, digital presentations

Help your child prepare for their project

Minibeasts are fascinating. Why not have a minibeast hunt around your local area? Use an app or spotting book to identify any unknown creatures. Alternatively, visit a local museum to see if they have any insect specimens on display. Huge moths, colourful butterflies and armoured beetles are all amazing to see. You could also invent minibeast of your own. Draw, paint or make models of new minibeast, then give them a name and describe their special features.