

The Knowledge

Supporting the National Curriculum



Ardleigh Green Learning Federation

Magnificent Minibeasts



EYFS

Working Together, Learning Together, Growing Together

Knowing More

Remembering More

Learning More

Key skills

- I know what the word minibeast means.
- I know where minibeasts can be found and that their habitats can vary.
- I show care, consideration and respect for minibeasts and their environments.
- I can make careful observations of minibeasts and talk about what I can see.
- I can identify and label key features of a minibeast.
- I can talk confidently about the similarities and differences in familiar minibeasts.
- I can group and sort minibeasts independently by number of legs, wings, colour, shape, size etc.
- I can ask simple questions about minibeasts to support my knowledge and understanding.
- I can discuss my ideas clearly and confidently when carrying out minibeast investigations.
- I can create simple representations of minibeasts using a variety of media and materials.
- I can sing, make music and explore the different sounds of instruments using minibeasts as a theme.

Key Facts

- A minibeast is a creature without a backbone.
- A minibeast's home is called a habitat.
- Minibeasts live in different places such as under logs and stones, in a leaf pile or in a pond, tree, bush, grass and in the soil.
- Common minibeasts that live in our country are ants, bees, butterflies, caterpillars, flies, ladybirds, moths, slugs, snails, spiders, wasps and woodlice.
- There are over 25,000 minibeast species in our country.

- **Arachnid** . A minibeast with eight legs and no antennae.
- **Habitat**. A habitat is a place where a creature or plant makes it's home.
- **Insect** . An insect is a minibeast with six legs, three body parts and antennae.
- **Invertebrate**. An invertebrate is an animals that doesn't have a backbone.
- **Life cycle**. A life cycle looks at how different animals grow and change during their life time.

Test Yourself

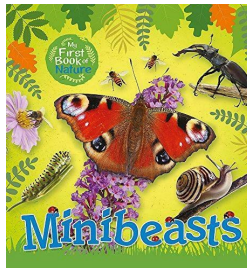
- What is a minibeast?
- What do we call a minibeast with eight legs and no antennae?
- Can you name four minibeasts?
- Where would you go on a minibeast hunt?
- What is your favourite minibeast? Why?
- What does the word invertebrate mean?
- Where is a worm's habitat?
- Can you explain the life cycle of a butterfly?

Key texts

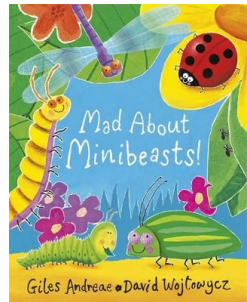


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Anita Ganeri and David Chandler

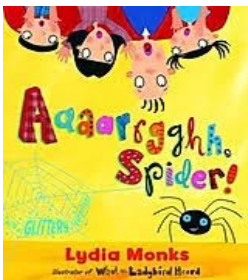


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Mad About
Minibeasts!

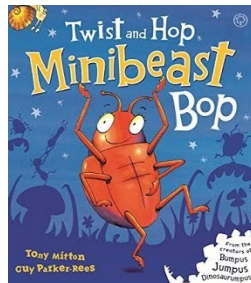
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Aaargh!
Spider!

Lydia Monks

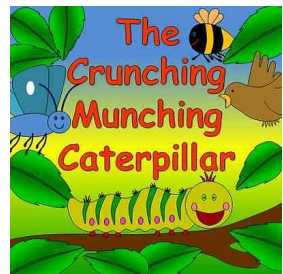
Illustrator of What's Inside?



Twist and Hop
Minibeast
Bop

Tony Mitton
Guy Parker-Rees

From the
creators of
Bumpus
Jumpus
Gymnastus



The
Crunching
Munching
Caterpillar