

# Minibeasts



Hello Robins and Owls! In the next 2 weeks we would like you to think about minibeasts. There are all sorts of creepy crawlies all over the place. In your house, in your garden, they hide everywhere! We have lots of ideas to begin to find out all about minibeasts. This topic includes body parts, 6 legs, 8 legs, more legs, no legs, movement, colour and lots more!

Activity	How to do it	Or...
Go on a bug hunt!	Have a look outside, or around your house for any bugs you can find. Are there spiders in the corner? Ants on the floor? Flies buzzing at the window?	Maybe your grown-up could write you a list of bugs to find...tick them off when you've spotted them!
Watch Mrs Storey's video to learn the insect song 'Head, Thorax, Abdomen' Now join in!	Follow the link in the email from Miss Jones to watch Mrs Storey sing the song! You can play it as many times as you like for one week before it disappears!	See if you can find a different song about insects on youtube.
Make a butterfly, a ladybird or a bee	Cut a paper plate in half. Paint it. Add legs, antennae and wings!	No paper plates? Try a toilet roll tube, or paper.
Counting out 6 legs!	Get a ball of dough and 6 lolly sticks or straws, and stick them into the dough, counting up to 6.	Instead of one blob of dough for the body, try 3 just like Mrs Storey's song
Sing Incy Wincy Spider	You know the words! Sing along with someone in your house, and talk about the rhyming words (spout/out, rain/again)	Can you make up a new verse? Incy Wincy Spider climbing up the...?

Move like an insect	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7xyXB8_BetQ">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7xyXB8_BetQ</a> Copy the moves in this song and move like a bug!	Imagine you are a worm, bee or a butterfly and see if you can move like one!
Use vegetables to make a minibeast	With help from a grown-up, cut up some vegetables (tomatoes, cucumber, peppers or grapes) and make them into a minibeast	Or make a long repeating vegetable pattern!
Read along with The Very Hungry Caterpillar	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=75NQK-Sm1YY">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=75NQK-Sm1YY</a>	Do you have the book at home?
Dress up as a minibeast	Using any material or clothing you can, dress up like a minibeast...a scarf could be butterfly wings, a stripy jumper makes you a bee...or roll up in fabric or a sleeping bag and be a worm!	Maybe you've already got some wings? Which minibeast could you be?
Dig for worms	Using a spade or a spoon, dig for worms! You might even find a woodlouse!	Or...see our next suggestion!
Make a pebble beetle	Find a pebble. Paint it. Draw on eyes and any patterns you like.	Now play hide and seek with it with someone in your house! (painting a bright bug like a ladybird makes it easier to find!)
Auntie Mabel finds out all about different minibeasts! Watch Come Outside to find out!	This one is all about butterflies: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7l6nnv9ijBQ">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7l6nnv9ijBQ</a> This one is all about spiders: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UQ2RzDI0vvM">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UQ2RzDI0vvM</a> This one is all about snails: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ki97nLa2rjk">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ki97nLa2rjk</a>	Can you find a program about bugs yourself? On Cbeebies iplayer or youtube?
Ant trap!	Cut a satsuma in half. Take it outside and leave it on the ground. Go away for 2 hours, then come back to see if anything has crawled on for a snack!	Maybe you could take a photo of what you find.

Make a Thumbelina Party Bug!	Follow the directions in this video to make your own minibeast finger puppet <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/makes/cbeebies-house-thumbelina-make?collection=cbeebies-house-makes">https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/makes/cbeebies-house-thumbelina-make?collection=cbeebies-house-makes</a>	You could do a puppet show when you're done!
Make a spiders web!	Using wool and lolly sticks make your own spider's web! Glue some raisins onto your wool to be flies stuck in the web!	Draw a spider's web on the patio outside using chalk!
Make an insect out of found objects outside	You could use...leaves, sticks, petals, grass, pebbles, feathers and anything else!	
Symmetrical butterfly painting	Take a piece of paper and fold it in half. Paint splats of lots of colours onto <b>one half</b> of the paper. Fold the other side over and squash it down! Open it up again to see your symmetrical pattern	When its dry your grown-up could cut it into a butterfly shape!
Break out of a cocoon!	Wrap your child in toilet roll (if you have enough!) and see how hard it is for a butterfly to emerge from it's chrysalis!	Not got enough loo roll? Wrap yourself up using sheets, towels or scarves! Photos please!
Watch and learn Mrs Simpson's Butterfly life cycle song video	Follow the link in Miss Jones's email to watch Mrs Simpson sing the song! Now perform it for your family. Or video yourself doing it and email it to your teachers!	Find another song on the internet about life cycles!
Have a look through these minibeast activities on Activity Village	<a href="https://www.activityvillage.co.uk/minibeasts">https://www.activityvillage.co.uk/minibeasts</a>	

Have fun!

