

# Minibeasts/bugs

Wriggly and crawl, slither and slide,  
Minibeasts are everywhere! Where do minibeasts live? Why is it important to look after minibeasts? It's time to discover the minibeasts that live in your home and garden.

## Power words (key vocabulary)

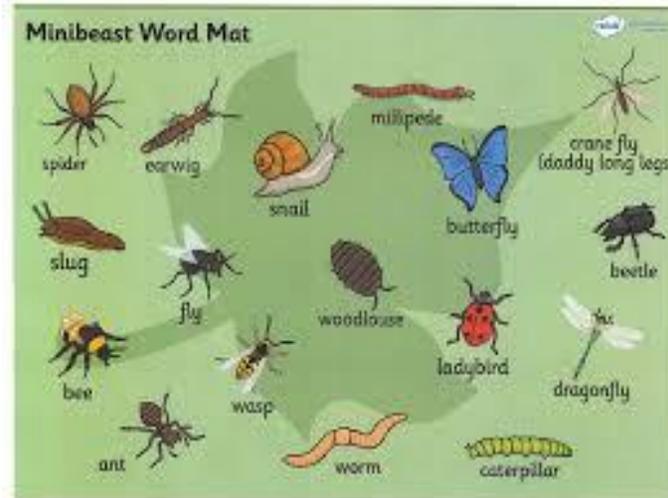
<b>Insect</b>	A small creature that has 3 body parts, 6 legs and does not have a skeleton inside.
<b>Habitat</b>	A home for an animal or plant.
<b>Life-cycle</b>	The stages an animal or plant goes through in its life.
<b>Larvae</b>	The young of an insect that comes from an egg.
<b>Cocoon/chrysalis</b>	The silky envelope spun by the larvae of many insects.
<b>Metamorphosis</b>	The change that a larva undergoes to become an adult insect.

## Minibeast Facts

- Insects have six legs.
- Insects' bodies have three parts
- Beetles are the most common insect.
- Worms can have more than one heart.
- A land snail can lift 10 times its body weight.
- Bees never sleep.
- There are over 2000 types of bees and only four kinds of bee can make honey.

Can you read or retell any of these stories?  
 The Bad-Tempered Ladybird. Eric Carle  
 Superworm. Julia Donaldson  
 The Very Hungry Caterpillar. Eric Carle  
 The Very Lonely Firefly. Eric Carle  
 Snail Trail. Ruth Brown  
 The Very Greedy Bee. Steve Smallman

## KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER SUMMER TERM 1



Over the next few weeks, we are going to be learning about some of the minibeasts that live in our homes and gardens.

We will be sharing lots of stories about minibeasts and providing opportunities for the children to write more sustained pieces of independent writing by creating minibeast stories of their own and re-searching their favourite minibeasts.

The role-play corner will be a minibeast lab where we hope to see some butterflies emerge! We will practise and use our coin knowledge and measure the size of worms.

We will learn about what is the same and what is different between insects and other minibeasts.

We are going to be investigating where different minibeasts like to live, why they are important to us and building our own bug hotels! We will also be using ladybirds and bees to help us learn how to double and half numbers.

There's nothing to be scared of...  
Minibeasts are marvellous!

