

Science Week 3: Marvellous Minibeasts

Our activities this week are all aimed at appreciating the marvellous minibeasts in our gardens and open spaces. You can choose to go on a minibeast safari, make a bug hotel and build a wormery for observing earthworms (try not to be squeamish!). You can work together as a family on all of these activities.

1. Go on a minibeast safari

Get your bug hunting gear ready for a safari! If you click [here](#), you will go to the RSPB website and their great page about carrying out a minibeast safari. They have some free 'How To' sheets to help you to catch different minibeasts and have links to two free ID sheets to help you on your bug safari! You could sketch the minibeasts that you find and maybe find out a bit more about some of them. When you have finished your safari, remember to carefully return any minibeasts to the habitat you found them in.

2. Design and make a bug hotel

If you have been on a minibeast safari in your own garden or local green space, you may feel inspired to design and make a home for some of the bugs that you have seen. Click [here](#) for ideas of simple bug hotels that you can make using everyday materials. You can make much more complex bug hotels if you have the space and materials (click [here](#) for inspiration if you fancy a challenge).

3. Build a wormery

This is a great way to get up close and personal with earthworms, which are so important for maintaining soil and plant health. In fact, Charles Darwin studied worms for 39 years and concluded that life on Earth would not be possible without them! If you click [here](#) you can find instructions on how to make your own wormery using a two-litre plastic bottle. There are also some links on the page to techniques for hunting for worms.

I hope you enjoy these activities and please remember to keep sharing your learning with me!

