



KS1 Years Mini-beast Package

A hands on rummage with buckets and spoons for carefully collecting our precious finds, learning how to carefully and respectfully handle all the small creatures that we find and share with each other.

We have a wide range of activities for bug hunting, this can include stories to introduce the children to this new world. Stories include mad about mini beast, Are you a lady, bumble bee, spider, butterfly and superworm!

We also offer clay to make your very own mini beast to take home. During the session you can collect materials from the wood, oak leaves for wings, tree needles for maybe making antennas. Basic identification will be given, together with an understanding of how the creatures fit into the life of the woodland as a whole.

It's very hands on, and the children may help act out the lives of the creatures to emphasise their key features. The leader will have some basic identification sheets for those more able children to examine and discover names for themselves, but there's no need for the children or helpers to bring any paper, worksheets or pencils – far better to have your hands free for rummaging!

We provide a rich environment roofed only by sky (and a few gems from our own store cupboard)



Create Mini-beast Homes

Come to the wood or let us visit you at your school and create an area to encourage mini-beast in your setting.

We ask the children to bring in recycled objects from home to create habitat wall. Habitat walls are grand mini-beast hotels where insects can shelter and lay their eggs. They can also be feeding places for insects, amphibians, reptile and small mammals, and provide them with nesting materials.

As our climate changes, gardens are becoming even more vital to wildlife and people. They can provide shade, absorb carbon, soak up flood water and help to cool buildings. A well managed network of gardens stretching across Sussex would also help wildlife to move more freely and adapt to climate change enabling us to create a living landscape.