

Wriggle and Crawl

Tucana Class Spring Term 2 2021



Put on your coat and wellies and let's head outside on a minibeast hunt.

This term, we'll head to a wetland or woodland to identify minibeast in their natural habitat. We'll write a guide book for other children to use on a minibeast hunt, draw sketch maps of our minibeast hunting area and create minibeast stories and poems. Heading out into the local area, we'll explore trees and bushes to see what lives there, investigate how far and how fast a snail can travel and create a minibeast habitat of our own. We'll draw delicate sketches of minibeast, make models from a variety of materials and use microscopes to observe minibeast up close. Our ICT skills will help us create a minibeast animation and we'll observe a beehive through live webcam footage.

| Imaginative Learning Project focus: Science | |
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| Memorable Experience | Minibeast hunt |
| Innovative Challenge | Minibeast life cycle animation |
| English | Lists and leaflets; Instructions; Reviews and information texts; Poetry; Writing for different purposes |
| Science | Habitats; Animals, including humans; Working scientifically |
| Art & Design | Observational drawing; Model making |
| Computing | Creating and debugging programs; Algorithms; Uses of ICT beyond school; Stop motion animation; Logical reasoning; Presentations |
| D&T | Origins of food; Selecting natural materials |
| Geography | Fieldwork |
| Music | Play tuned and untuned instruments |
| PE | Dance |
| PSHE | Feeling positive |
| Science Investigations | Do insects have a favourite colour? Do snails have noses? What is the life cycle of the ladybird? Where do snails live? |

Help your child prepare for their project

Minibeasts are fascinating. Why not have a minibeast hunt around your local area? Look out for different minibeast, take close-up photos and use an app or spotting book to identify any unknown creatures. Alternatively, visit a local museum to see if they have any insect specimens on display. Huge moths, colourful butterflies and armoured beetles are all amazing to see. You could also invent minibeast of your own. Draw, paint or make models of new minibeast, then give them a name and describe their special features.