

## Did you know?

- Insects hatch from eggs.
- Insects grow in stages & shed their skin between each stage
- Many insects look completely different at each stage of their life cycle
- Most adult insects have 3 pairs of legs  
2 pairs of wings & one pair of antennae
- Minibeasts don't have backbones!  
Because they don't have a backbone, minibeasts usually have other structures which support and protect them. For example, a snail has a shell.
- Minibeasts make their homes in lots of places, both inside our homes (spiders) and outside under logs, stones or leaves, in ponds, in trees, in grassland, in soil.



## Fun Facts

- Slugs have four noses.
- Some worms have ten hearts!
- Dragonflies have been around on Earth since before the dinosaurs.
- Butterflies and caterpillars use their feet to taste with.
- The Giant African Land Snail can grow to 30cm in length.



## Stories & Rhymes to Learn

### The Very Hungry Caterpillar



### Incy Wincy Spider

### The Ants Go Marching

### There's a Worm at the Bottom of my Garden

### 5 Little Speckled Frogs



## Vocabulary

<b>habitat</b>	The place where an animal or plant usually lives.
<b>creature</b>	A living person or animal.
<b>minibeast</b>	A very small animal without a backbone
<b>insect</b>	A very small animal with a hard covering over the outside of it's body to protect it
<b>chrysalis</b>	The hard covering on a moth or butterfly when it is changing into an adult.
<b>antennae</b>	'Feelers' on the top of an insect's head that are used to sense what is around it.
<b>life cycle</b>	The changes that living things go through as they grow.
<b>rare</b>	Not often found or seen.
<b>symmetry</b>	Both sides are balanced in shape, size and colour.
<b>magnify</b>	Make something look bigger.
<b>facts</b>	Things which are true.

## Home Learning conversations

### Talk to an adult in your family

- Talk to your grown up about how we can protect the minibeasts in our own environments – our gardens.
- If you could be any minibeast, which one would you be and why?
- Choose 2 minibeasts and talk to an adult about what is the same and different about them.

## Other things you might like to try

- Try and attract beautiful minibeasts to your garden by planting some plants that butterflies like best! These include Buddleia, Verbena, Lavender, Perennial Wallflower and Marjoram.
- Get your magnifying glasses and binoculars out and go on a minibeast hunt. Have a look under logs and stones and get as close as you dare! Can you take a clipboard and draw any of the creatures you come across?