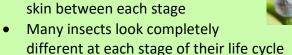
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Did you know?

Insects hatch from eggs.

Insects grow in stages & shed their skin between each stage



• 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

Minibeasts

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