



Topic: Down at the bottom of the garden

Year: Reception

Term: 6

Background Information

- Children will have some experience and understanding of familiar minibeasts which they may have observed in outdoor spaces before
- Children will be able to begin to identify and discuss the features of common minibeasts
- Children may have experience of some familiar stories which contain the familiar minibeasts which we have explored.

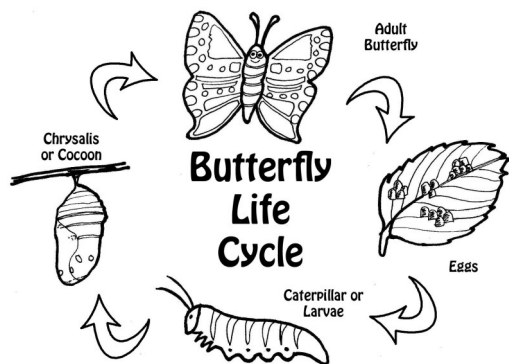
Interesting facts

- Caterpillars turn into butterflies
- Caterpillars have 12 eyes
- Butterflies like to taste with their feet
- Some minibeasts have wings and can fly
- All insects have 6 legs, but not all minibeasts are insects
- Ladybirds are not always red. They can also be orange, brown, yellow or black with black white or red spots.
- The ladybird which we see most of in the UK usually has 7 spots
- A spider is a minibeast but not an insect. It has 8 legs.
- Some types of bees live in hives and they help to make honey
- Millipedes can have around 300 legs!
- Insects have 3 parts to their bodies: the head, the abdomen and the thorax
- Wasps, bees, butterflies and ants help new flowers grow by spreading seeds and pollen

Key Vocabulary

minibeast	Another word for a bug or insect.
abdomen	The bottom part of an insect's body
Thorax	The middle part of an insect's body
Moth	A creature like a butterfly that can be mostly seen at night
Earwig	An insect with six legs, 2 antennae and a set of pincers on its abdomen
Antennae	Feelers that are attached to an insect's head
Shell	The hard part of some minibeasts which helps to protect the body underneath
Cocoon	A silky case that a caterpillar spins before turning into a butterfly
Millipede	A long, thin insect with up to 300 legs and 2 antennae

Diagrams / Timelines / Photos



Know how to / Activity

- Go into your garden or another safe outdoor space. Which minibeasts can you see? Can you name them all? Which minibeast did you find most of?
- Start to look at common flowers that we might see everyday such as daisies, roses and daffodils. Can you begin to learn the names of some of these?