

Project Focus: Beast Creator

Suggestions of activities children might like to complete:

- Find out which flowers and herbs attract minibeasts. Plant a bulb or seed in a pot or planter and see who comes to visit.
- Go on a bug hunt in a local park or woodland. What will you find? Can you photograph it?
- Make a comparison between two minibeasts. How are they similar? How are they different?
- Visit a local museum or nature centre to find out more about minibeasts and bugs. Make your own sketchbook and record any information you can gather.
- Use dough or clay to make a replica of your favourite minibeast. Bring it in to school to share with others.
- Make a minibeast glossary to explain all the specialist vocabulary associated with this topic.
- Use poster paints to design a beautiful and symmetrical design for a butterfly's wings. Can you transfer your design to a computer?

Suggestions of possible places to visit, books or websites to research:

- <https://ypte.org.uk/factsheets/minibeasts/what-is-a-minibeast#section>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7AUeM8Mbalk>
- <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/naturedetectives/blogs/nature-detectives-blog/2017/05/minibeast-facts-kids/>
- <https://ypte.org.uk/factsheets/minibeasts/grouping-invertebrates>
- <https://artfulparent.com/butterfly-symmetry-paintings/>
- *World's Deadliest Animals* by Matt Roper
- *Illustrated Dictionary of Insects of the World* by Martin Walters
- *Secrets of Animal Life-Cycles* by Andrew Solway