



Activity 2 – Minibeast Bingo

Find and identify Minibeasts in your home compost bin, garden or an outdoor space

You will need:

- Minibeast Bingo sheet downloaded from our website
- A garden or outdoor space to look for minibeasts. A compost bin is ideal if you have one.

You don't need any equipment for this activity, but if you want to take a closer look at the minibeasts you find, you can use:

- A container such as a clear plastic pot
- A spoon
- A magnifying glass



Time required: 30 mins

Suitable for primary school ages

Safety Tips:

- Tip 1 – Be careful when lifting heavy objects
- Tip 2 – Wash your hands after finishing your hunt!



Instructions:

1. Print the minibeast bingo sheet or open it on a phone or tablet.
2. Look inside your compost bin if you have one, but if not, find a suitable outdoor space to look for minibeasts, head out to your garden or local park or green space.
3. Start hunting! Minibeasts live in lots of different places so get creative while looking for them... You might find some in and under plant pots, logs, under soil, stones and bark, or in and around plants and bushes. Where would you hide if you were a minibeast? Ask your children why do they think minibeasts are found in compost bins, under logs and in piles of leaves?
4. Cross off the minibeasts you find on your bingo sheet. Can you find them all?
5. If you'd like to take a closer look at the minibeast you find, scoop it up carefully with a spoon and place it in a see-through container. What words would you use to describe your minibeast?
6. Don't forget to put the minibeasts back where you found them when you have finished looking at them. Add up your total score!

Send us a picture of your minibeast hunt and bingo sheet to us on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter at @RecycleDevon #RecycleDevon



Useful Tip:

Most minibeasts love dark, damp places... such as under plant pots, logs and rocks.

Minibeasts such as worms, slugs and snails love to come out after it rains!

DID YOU KNOW?

Worms and other minibeasts, fungi and bacteria living in a compost bin or heap, recycle the nutrients found in organic matter so that they can be used to help more plants grow.

More ideas for Minibeasts:-

Younger children might enjoy pretending to be minibeasts. Watch our video to learn more about the different Minibeasts you might find:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=148&v=IRXrqz2b39A&feature=emb_title

Watch and sing along to the Compost Bin Song!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mb0sCnzq79I&feature=emb_title

Other ideas:

Having your own compost bin can help you recycle food and garden waste, provide habitats for minibeasts and create your own compost which can be used in your garden to help new plants grow.

Head to www.getcomposting.com for offers on good quality compost bins, or alternatively check if your local council offers discounted compost bins here:

<https://www.recycledevon.org/in-the-garden/compost-bins>

If you have a food waste collection service, find out where your food waste goes and how it is used by watching this video:

<https://zone.recycledevon.org/food-waste/>



Find more activities, videos and information on our website:

<https://zone.recycledevon.org>

Home Schooling

This activity will help children in **Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)** develop their scientific skills, through identification and observation, along with helping them practise addition.

Children in **Year 1** and **Year 2** should be able to identify and name a variety of common animals and their habitats (where the animal lives.)




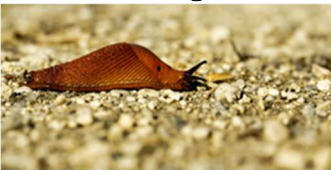











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Minibeast Bingo



How many can you find? Tick off the minibeast when you spot it!

Worm 	Snail 	Ant 
Found: <input type="checkbox"/> Points: 5	Found: <input type="checkbox"/> Points: 5	Found: <input type="checkbox"/> Points: 5
Slug 	Worm eggs  <small>"Worm Eggs" by tofuttibreak is licensed under CC BY-NC-ND 2.0</small>	Woodlouse 
Found: <input type="checkbox"/> Points: 5	Found: <input type="checkbox"/> Points: 25	Found: <input type="checkbox"/> Points: 5
Slug/Snail eggs 	Centipede 	Ant eggs  <small>"Ant cocoons, Marki, Poland" by Crusier is licensed under GNU Free Documentation License, Version 1.2</small>
Found: <input type="checkbox"/> Points: 25	Found: <input type="checkbox"/> Points: 15	Found: <input type="checkbox"/> Points: 25
Spider 	Milipede 	Springtail  <small>"Types of springtails" by AJC1 is licensed under CC BY-SA 2.0</small>
Found: <input type="checkbox"/> Points: 10	Found: <input type="checkbox"/> Points: 25	Found: <input type="checkbox"/> Points: 10
Maggots  <small>"Maggots" by Ben Lato is licensed under CC BY-NC-SA 2.0</small>	Earwig 	Rove Beetle 
Found: <input type="checkbox"/> Points: 20	Found: <input type="checkbox"/> Points: 40	Found: <input type="checkbox"/> Points: 50
Minibeasts found:		Total points:

Send a picture of you hunting for minibeasts along with a photo of your bingo sheet to us on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter at @RecycleDevon! We'd love to see what you find! #RecycleDevon