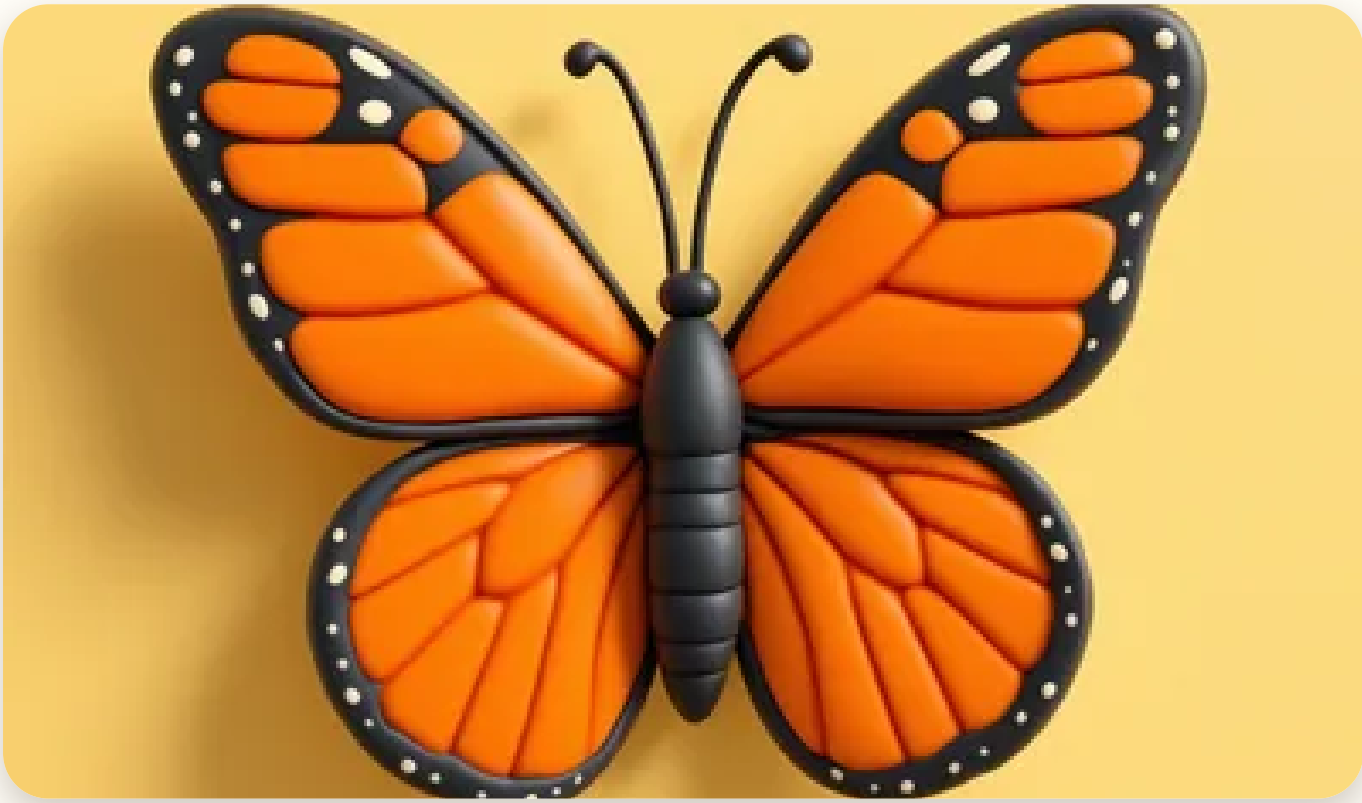
Thistledown Lane

# Minibeasts: Creepy-Crawlies

**KS1 Science · Year 2**

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- Minibeast fact sheet with pictures
- Count the legs: a sorting activity
- Minibeast questions
- Minibeast hunt: an outdoor tally sheet
- Answers

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# For grown-ups

## National curriculum

- Year 2 Living things and their habitats: identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including microhabitats
- Year 1 Animals, including humans: identify and name a variety of common animals
- Working scientifically: observing closely; identifying and classifying; gathering and recording data

## Watch and talk

- **Bramble's Grumpy Day** and **The Midsummer Swap Party** (glow-worms in the hedge)
- **Pip and the Frogspawn:** life in and around the pond

## Lesson ideas

- Go on a minibeast hunt: look under logs, stones and leaves, then put everything back.
- Sort the minibeasts you find by number of legs.
- Talk about how to be kind to minibeasts: look gently, never squash, and put them back where you found them.

## Good to know

Handle minibeasts gently with a soft brush or spoon, keep them out of the sun, and return them where you found them. Wash hands afterwards. Insects have six legs; spiders have eight, so a spider is not an insect.

# Minibeasts



## Honeybee

- An insect with six legs.
- Makes honey from flowers.



## Ladybird

- An insect with six legs.
- Red with black spots.



## Beetle

- An insect with six legs.
- Hard, shiny wing cases.



## Butterfly

- An insect with six legs.
- Starts life as a caterpillar.



## Spider

- Eight legs, so not an insect.
- Spins webs to catch flies.



## Snail

- No legs. It glides on one big foot.
- Carries its shell like a house.



## Worm

- No legs. It wriggles through the soil.
- Helps plants grow.



## Caterpillar

- Munches leaves.
- Grows into a butterfly or moth.

# Count the legs

Name: _____

Count the legs on each card. Cut out the cards and stick each minibeast in the right box.



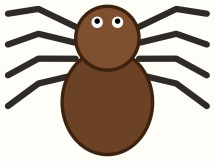
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snail



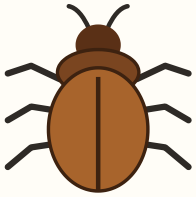
ladybird



spider



worm



beetle



butterfly

**No legs**

**Six legs**

**Eight legs**

# Minibeast questions

Name: _____

1. Which minibeast makes honey?

   ☐ bee ☐ snail ☐ worm

2. Which minibeast carries its shell on its back?

   ☐ ladybird ☐ snail ☐ beetle

3. How many legs does an insect have?

   ☐ four ☐ six ☐ eight

4. A spider has eight legs. Is a spider an insect?

   ☐ yes ☐ no

5. What will a caterpillar turn into?

   _____

6. Where would you look for a worm? Why do you think it lives there?

   _____

   _____

# Minibeast hunt

Name: _____

Look gently with a grown-up. Count what you find, then put everything back.

| Where I looked | What I found | How many? |
|---|---|---|
| Under a log | | |
| Under a stone | | |
| In a pile of leaves | | |
| On a plant or flower | | |
| In the soil | | |
| On a wall or fence | | |

Draw your favourite find.

# Answers

## Count the legs

1. No legs: snail, worm. Six legs: bee, ladybird, beetle, butterfly. Eight legs: spider.

## Minibeast questions

1. bee
2. snail
3. six
4. no
5. a butterfly (accept: a moth)
6. In the soil (or under logs, stones and leaves), because it is damp and dark and there are dead leaves to eat.

## Minibeast hunt

Answers will vary.