

# Minibeasts

My family and I LOVE minibeasts! We have lots of places around the garden that they can make their home. I went on a minibeast hunt to see what I could find.



Minibeasts are lots of different shapes and sizes so need different homes to live in.



We put lots of different leaves and sticks under a shelter so the minibeasts have a place to hide when it is raining.



We made a minibeast home ourselves by drilling some holes into a piece of wood we found while out walking.

## Spiders



This spider came over to say hello while I was eating lunch outside.



I did not see any spiders here, but I did find lots of their webs.



I found this spider in his web. He had made it between two flowers.



I found this spider hiding in a bee house! He had made his web and was waiting for a fly to fly into his trap.

## Beetles



This beetle flew onto my leg. He must have liked the look of my leggings.



I found this bug on my sewing while I was outside. He sat and watched me for a bit before flying away.



## Flies



It took me a long time to get a photo of this hoverfly. It would not stay still for a photo!



This greenbottle fly was sunbathing on a leaf.



I found this St Mark's fly crawling on my arm. His long legs kept tickling me!

## Damselfly



I was eating lunch outside with my family when a damselfly came over and landed on my mum's hat.

## Butterflies



While I was outside I saw some butterflies. They were lots of different colours: blue, white, black, red, white and brown. They did not land in the garden so

I could not get a photo, so here is a picture of a butterfly called a red admiral I found on the internet.

## Bees



These honey bees were busy collecting pollen from the flowers on our apple tree.



I also spotted a bumble bee. He flew into the garden and around some of the flowers but before I could take a photo he flew away. Here is a picture of a bumble bee from the internet.

## Wasp



This wasp came over and tried to eat my lunch. He flew away and hid from me. Perhaps he wanted to play hide and seek!

## Ladybird



I found this ladybird crawling around the soil under some leaves.



## Ants



I took a photo of this ant crawling along the patio. It ran away and hid under one of our bins. I moved the garden bin and look what I found hiding underneath – lots of ants! Maybe they were having a party.

## Earwigs



I found these earwigs sheltering under a wood pile in the garden. Earwigs are more active at night and often hide during the day.

## Snails



After it had been raining I went outside and found lots of snails. They love it when it is wet so it is the best time to see them.