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Minibeasts & Insects Week

Five days outside (and inside) finding tiny creatures

Day 1 — Bug hunt

Day 2 — Classification



Day 3 — Life cycles

Day 4 — Pollinators

Day 5 — Build a bug hotel

Common UK minibeasts you'll find — quick guide

Creature	Group	Where to find
Woodlouse	Crustacean (related to crabs!)	Under stones, logs, damp places
Earthworm	Annelid worm	In soil, after rain
Spider	Arachnid	Corners, gardens, indoors



Creature	Group	Where to find
Ladybird	Beetle (insect)	On plants, especially roses with greenfly
Bee (honey or bumble)	Insect	On flowers
Butterfly	Insect	Sunny days, flowers
Snail	Mollusc	Damp areas, plants
Centipede	Myriapod	Under logs, fast-moving
Ant	Insect (social)	Paths, anywhere
Beetle (general)	Insect	Lots of places

Minibeast facts to wow children with

Number of insect species in the world

Over 1 million identified — estimates suggest 5-10 million total

Number of ants on Earth

Around 20 quadrillion (20,000,000,000,000,000) — about 2.5 million ants per human

Strongest insect (proportionally)

Dung beetle — can pull over 1,000 times its body weight

Fastest insect

Dragonfly — can fly at 35 mph

Longest-living insect

Queen termite — can live over 50 years

Honey bee facts

A worker bee visits 50-100 flowers per trip and makes only 1/12 of a teaspoon of honey in her whole life

Why insects matter

Pollination, decomposition, food for birds and other animals — without insects, ecosystems collapse

