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Minibeast resources

[Nature detectives – Woodland Trust](#)

A site filled with free child-friendly identification keys, spotter sheets, top tips and minibeast packs. Click the 'Go on a real adventure' tab to access resources.

[The Minibeast Pack – RBKC](#)

A teaching resource that contains information on the best methods to collect minibeasts as well as differentiated identification keys.

[Summer – Create a Minibeast Corner – BBC Schools](#)

Lots of activities, including ID guides and classification keys.

[Learning resources – National Insect Week](#)

Fun activities and helpful information for children.

[Identify nature – National History Museum](#)

A website that helps you to identify different types of bugs and other natural items.

[Spotting sheets – Wildlife Watch](#)

Very useful spotting sheets from Wildlife Watch, the junior branch of The Wildlife Trust and the UK's leading environmental action club for children.

Child-friendly information about minibeasts

[Minibeast – BBC](#)

A wealth of videos about insects and other minibeasts.

[Minibeasts – my learning](#)

A site to help children understand minibeasts, including an interactive game called 'Build your own Super Bug!', which gives children the chance to make their own minibeast.

[Minibeasts – Resources hwb Wales](#)

An interactive site where children can build their own minibeasts, classify bugs and explore gardens.

[Know your bugs – The Learning Zone](#)

An interactive insect identification key.

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Making minibeast habitats

[Buglife](#)

There are lots of fun things that your class can create, including a bee hotel, bee-friendly garden and a wildflower safe-haven.

Life cycles

[Ant biology and life cycle – UC IPM](#)

The life cycle of common household ants.

Search Google for ‘live bug kits’ for commercial products that allow children to see the life cycles of many minibeasts firsthand, including butterflies, stick insects, ladybirds and giant land snails.

Bees in their hive

Below you will find a list of links to live video footage of a bee colony, as bees come and go from the hive and perform their duties.

[NATURE – Silence of the Bees – Inside the Hive – PBS – YouTube](#)

Learn about the life of a queen bee and her workers.

[Honey bees – Natural History 1 – YouTube](#)

Take a look at the social life of a honey bee.

[Honey bees – Natural History 2 – YouTube](#)

Watch bees living and working together as a community.

[Honey Bees In The Hive Up Close – YouTube](#)

Watch close-up footage of honey bees in the hive.

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