

Minibeasts

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| Our focus will be on the following: | What are they? |
| Minibeasts | Minibeasts are small animals like snails, worms insects and spiders. They are also called invertebrates , which mean they do not have a backbone. |
| Ladybird | A Ladybird is a type of beetle. A Ladybird is an insect. It eats aphids. |
| Snail | A snail is an invertebrate. They move around on a single foot and carry their home 'shell' on their back. It eats plants |
| Earthworm | Earthworms are made up of ring like segments covered in small bristles, which the worm uses to move and burrow in the earth. It eats dead leaves and animals. |
| Caterpillar | A caterpillar is a long animal with many legs and feeds on plants. It transforms into a butterfly or a moth. |
| Tadpole | A tadpole or Pollywog is a baby frog that breathes and lives in the water. |

What I should know by the end of the topic?

I should know about similarities and differences with learning about living things. I should talk about the things that make my own environment special and how where people and small animals live might be different from one another. I can notice what makes animals and plants special and explain why some things happen and talk about changes such as the life cycle of a caterpillar

| New Vocabulary | |
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| Insect | An insect is a creature that has three parts of their body, six legs and antennae. |
| Larva | Larva is a baby insect and is known as a grub or caterpillar. |
| Exoskeleton | A hard covering that protects some animals. Exoskeleton means 'outside skeleton'. |
| Life cycle | The different stages of life for living things. It is usually shown in a circle. |
| metamorphosis | The process of transformation from a baby to an adult in two or more stages. |
| Chrysalis /Cocoon | The hard outside covering on a moth or a butterfly while it is a pupa. |
| Frogspawn | Frogspawn are thousands of frog eggs together. |
| Froglet | A Froglet is a young frog metamorphosed from a tadpole. |

| Where do Minibeasts Live? | |
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| On leaves and plants – e.g. Ladybirds & caterpillars. | In the soil - e.g. Worms |
| Under logs and stones – e.g. snail woodlouse & millipede | In ponds – e.g. frogs |

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