



Buglife - Scottish Education Pack

Marvellous minibeasts

Primary P4 – P7, 8-11 years

Introduction

Through educating youngsters about invertebrates this pack hopes to challenge misconceptions and raise awareness of just how important invertebrates are – for people, for other animals and ecosystems and for the planet. With this pack you will be able to encourage young people to take small steps to conserve invertebrates, and encourage them to take interest in the wildlife living with and around them.

How to use this pack

The Marvellous Minibeasts pack contains 4 interactive lessons and 7 supporting worksheets.

For each lesson we provide you with a thorough teaching plan which includes the lesson outcomes, necessary preparation and suggested lesson duration. The lessons can of course be adapted to meet the requirements of the class.

LESSON	SUPPORTING WORK-SHEET
Lesson 1 We're going on a bug hunt	Bug Identification Chart
Lesson 2 Scottish bugs under threat	Species profile: Aspen hoverfly Species profile: Bog bush cricket Species profile: Narrow-headed ant
Lesson 3 Making a bee and bug hotel	Making a bee hotel Making a bug hotel
Lesson 4 Creating a wildflower garden for bugs.	Top tips for creating a wildflower garden for bugs



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Health and safety

- ✦ Check the school's health and safety guidelines before taking children outdoors for the bug hunt.
- ✦ When handling invertebrates remind children to wash their hands after the bug hunt.
- ✦ Be aware of stinging insects (bees and wasps). Tell the children that they can watch bees and wasps but that they should not touch them.

When outdoors looking for bugs remind children to treat them with respect, handle with care always returning them to where they found them.

Evaluation

Buglife would be delighted to hear how you get on with this education pack. Your feedback is important to us and will help us create even better resources in the future. Please email us with your comments and photos at info@buglife.org.uk

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