

Minibeast detectives

Minibeast hunt to stimulate speaking and listening

EYFS

Early learning goals: Communication and language, Understanding the world

Activity type: individual/small groups with an adult

Length of activity: 30 minutes

Outdoor requirements: playground with a few trees and beds or local park

Resources: minibeast detective card, small pots with magnifying glass.



Starter activity:

Look at a place where minibeasts live. Ask children to tell you the names of any minibeasts that they have heard of, e.g. a wiggly worm.

Main activities:

Show children how to look under a log, making sure that they put it back and don't hurt the animal. Collect an animal into their pot and hold it still.

Using the animal detective card, identify the animal in the pot. Encourage children to describe their animal (colour, number of legs, how it moves or how it feels).

Plenary activity:

Choose children to tell everyone 3 clues about their animal. After listening to the clues, ask if anyone can guess the animal.

Ideally you would find somewhere to sit in a circle in small groups.



Specific risk assessment

Check area prior to activity for litter and appropriate size of logs.