

GO ON A MINIBEAST ADVENTURE

They may only be small, but insects and bugs are some of the most important animals in the world. Without them, we wouldn't have such a wide range of animals and plants.

But some of our amazing minibeasts are threatened with extinction, so it's really important that we do as much as possible to help them. If you find minibeasts really interesting, then this challenge is for you! To build a Minibeast City, you'll need a recycled plastic bottle, string, cardboard and sandpaper.

STEP 1

Wash out an old recycled bottle and leave to dry. Carefully cut off the bottom of the bottle, smoothing any sharp edges with your piece of sandpaper.

STEP 2

Cut a long strip of cardboard to the same length as the drinking bottle. Roll it up and slide it inside the bottle, so that there are lots of little crevices.

STEP 3

Tie string around the top of the bottle and hang your Minibeast City at shoulder height in a quiet area outside, where its new inhabitants won't be disturbed.

STEP 4

Keep coming back to check over the next few days and weeks to see which minibeasts have started living there.



GO ON A MINIBEAST HUNT

If you don't have a garden, you could go on a minibeast hunt with your friends and family in a local park or in the woods. Why not turn it into a competition and see who can find all these different minibeasts first?

- Snail
- Ant
- Fly
- Centipede
- Daddy longlegs
- Moth
- Spider
- Woodlouse
- Worm
- Beetle
- Slug

★ Extra challenge!

Did you know that grasshoppers have ears on their tummies? Why not find out some more facts about minibeasts and create a short quiz for your friends and family?

