



Mighty Minibeasts

With Ranger Owen



Go on a minibeast hunt to learn about the creatures living under our feet..

We'd love to know what you get up to. Why not show us (Email: WCCP@dover.gov.uk, Facebook: [WCCP](#), Twitter & Instagram: [#GreenGangAtHome](#)).

WHAT YOU NEED
Pot (yoghurt pot, jam jar etc.),
paintbrush, paper and pencils.

LEARN

1. How many legs do the following have; snail, slug, worm, spider and insect?
2. All minibeasts, like the creatures in question 1, are invertebrates which means they don't have a backbone. Can you name any more invertebrates?
3. Keep a count of how many of each invertebrate type you find in your pitfall trap. Which did you find the most of?

Answers: 1. Zero, zero, zero, eight & six.
2. Centipede, woodlouse, leech, crab, octopus...

MAKE

Look carefully at the body parts of your minibeasts then draw detailed pictures of them. This is what scientists do when they study creatures.

Many minibeasts are yet to be discovered. Draw your own minibeast. How many legs will it have? Will it be big or small? Have wings or pincers? Make up a name for your new creature.

DO

Go on a minibeast hunt. Look under logs and stones and in long grass. Take a pot and paintbrush to carefully collect them and take a closer look. Please release any creatures safely.

Make a pitfall trap. With an adult's permission dig a small hole in your garden, or elsewhere. Place a pot

inside, rim level with the ground, and add a few leaves. Check regularly to see what you've caught. Please don't leave the trap out when it's raining or for more than a few hours in the daytime and release any creatures somewhere safe.



MAKE SOMEONE LAUGH

How can you tell which end is the head of a worm?
Tickle the middle and see where it laughs!

ANSWER

What is an animal with a backbone called?
Last week's answer: Stinging nettle and wild hop



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