

Where do small creatures live?

This activity encourages the development of observational skills, knowledge of the small creatures living in the nature reserve and awareness of similarities and differences.

Resources

- Woodland Trust 'Minibeast Swatch book' available from www.woodlandtrust.org.uk
- Paper, clip boards, pencils, crayons
- Clay
- Found objects including sticks and leaves

Activity

Talk about taking care not to hurt the animals found in the nature reserve. Talk about where they might live and in small groups go to look for some 'bugs'. Always replace stones and logs as they are found so that the habitat is not disturbed.

Use a book or chart to identify some bugs.

Make an observational drawing of an insect or make a model of an insect using a small piece of clay and found natural materials such as sticks and leaves.

Follow up

- Building on experience of insects in the natural environment children could make their own bug homes using a plant pot, sticks, stones, moss, leaves etc. to take home to their own gardens.
- A bug hotel could be created in the nursery/school garden. Go to www.buglife.org.uk or www.rspb.org.uk/makeahomeforwildlife/advice/gardening/insects for ideas.

Visit CVCg.org.uk for more activity sheets and information about our nature reserve

