

Beast Creator

Year 5's Curriculum Newsletter

Arachnids, insects, molluscs and myriapods. Minibeasts come in all shapes and sizes!

This half term, we'll handle a range of minibeasts and small creatures. Taking photographs, making notes and listening carefully to expert explanations will help us to understand how minibeasts move, what they eat and where they live. Using what we've learned, we'll write an interesting minibeast report. In science, we'll learn how to categorise minibeasts and investigate woodlice habitats. We'll make detailed drawings of our minibeasts, present data about them and make maps to show the route of our minibeast hunt. Using wood, stones, garden canes and other natural materials, we'll create 'minibeast hotels' and write adverts to attract minibeasts to stay in them.

ILP focus	Science
English	Limericks and kennings; Instructions
Science	Living things and their habitats
History	Investigate the life achievements of a significant historical figure: Charles Darwin
Art & design	Drawing; Perspectives
Computing	Research; Presentations
D&T	Making models
Geography	Fieldwork; Contrasting locations
Music	Composing;
PE	Hockey
French	On the Way to School
RE	Participating and Willing to Lead; Being Modest and Listening to Others
RRSA	Global Goal 15: Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss.

Help your child prepare for their project

Welcome to the wonderful world of minibeasts! Why not visit a local park or woodland to go on a minibeast hunt? Take plenty of photos and use an app or spotting guide to identify different creatures. You could also visit a butterfly house and create beautiful butterfly patterns back at home. Alternatively, find a book about brilliant bugs to read together.

Year 5 notices:

- Please make sure that children are in school, on time, so that they can complete morning activities and get ready for the school day. The first bell is at 8.35am.
- Please send your child in their **PE kit on** PE days. This includes black jogging bottoms or leggings, a red crew neck t-shirt, their school red jumper and black trainers or pumps. Children can change into pumps if needed. This half term, 5H's PE day will be on Tuesdays.
- Children can have a **fruit snack** at playtime. Please remember to bring fruit in.
- Please ensure children are accessing 'Times Table Rockstars' regularly to improve their times table recall.
- Make sure your child is accessing Bugclub regularly to support their reading.
- Homework is set every Friday on Google Classrooms – please make sure your child is accessing this and returning homework before the following Thursday.

Thank you for your support