Investigation

What minibeasts can you find in your local area?

Hopefully you all have some access to some outdoor space, whether in a garden, on a balcony where you may have plants, or in a local park or woods that you can visit on your daily trip out.

The summer term is when we would start to look at habitats, living things and classification. This activity is all about learning to identify different kinds of minibeast. You would be amazed how many different types of minibeast there might be even in somewhere as small as a hanging basket outside your home.

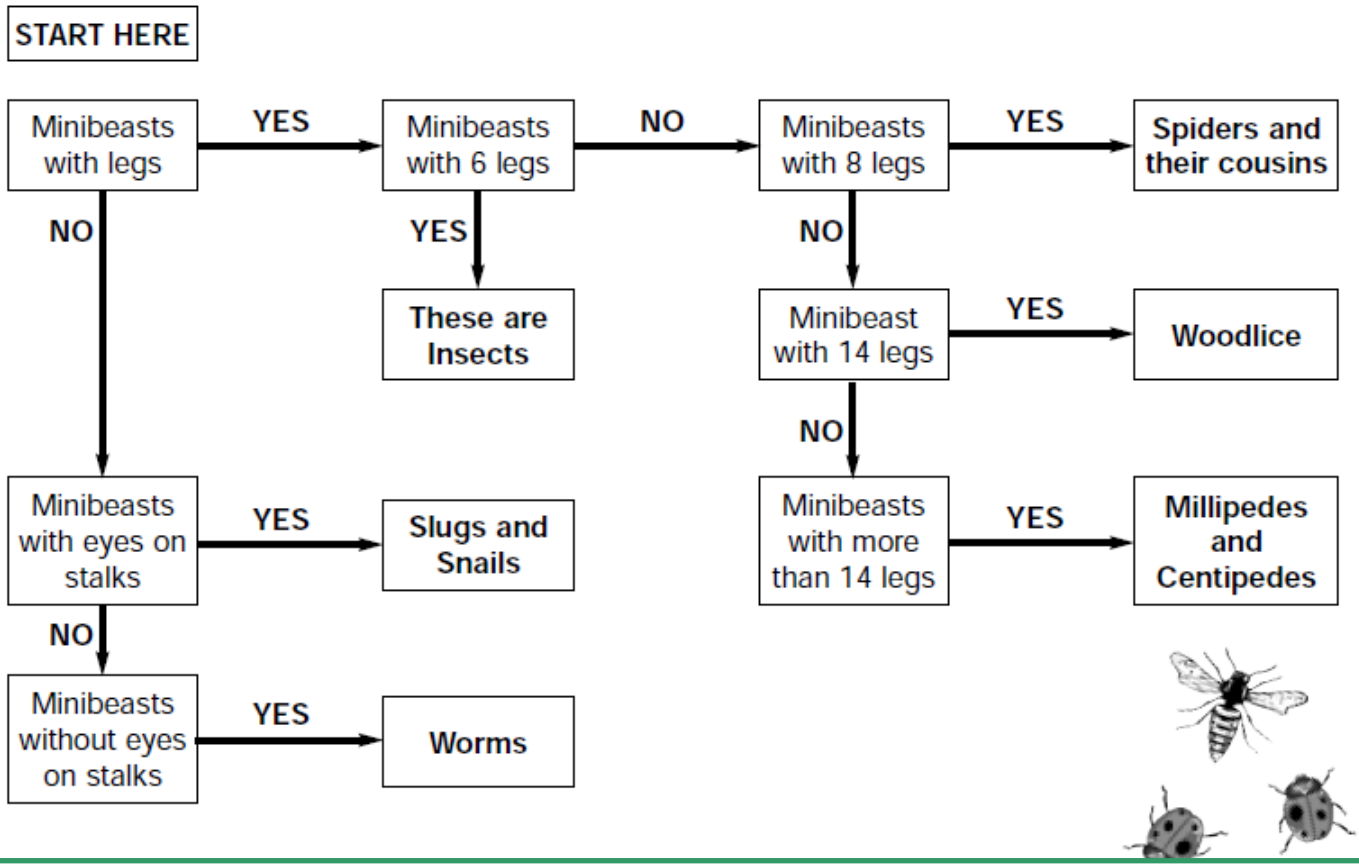
Use the images, and identification flowchart below to try and find as many different types of minibeast as you can. There is no need to try and catch your minibeasts; the best thing you can do is observe them.

Consider the creature itself: What does it look like? How does it move? What colours does it have on it? How do you think it eats?

Now think about where you have found it: What is the ground like? What resources does it have (leaves, twigs, water, branches etc)? How high or low from the ground does it live? What do you think it eats? How do you think it collects it's food?

Once you have made notes and maybe even some drawings or diagrams of your minibeasts, create a fact file all about them to share your findings. It would be great if you could try to answer the questions above firstly using only your observations and discussions with your family. But after you have done that, you could go on the internet and do some further research to add to your own ideas.

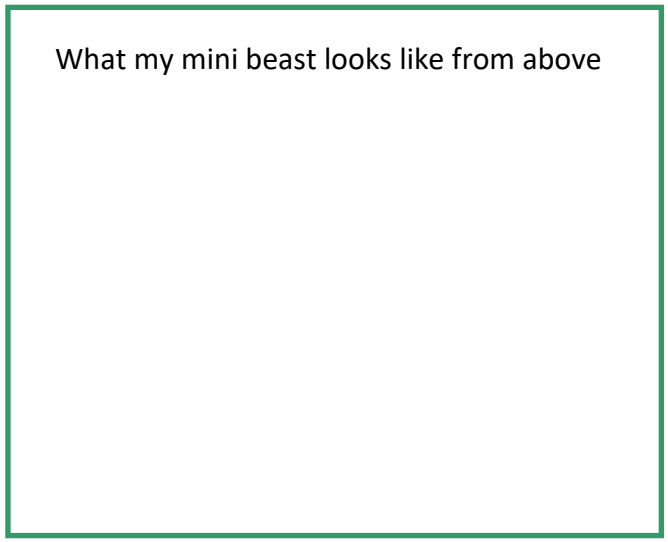
There is a template on the next page which you may like to use, but feel free to create your own to show off all you can discover.



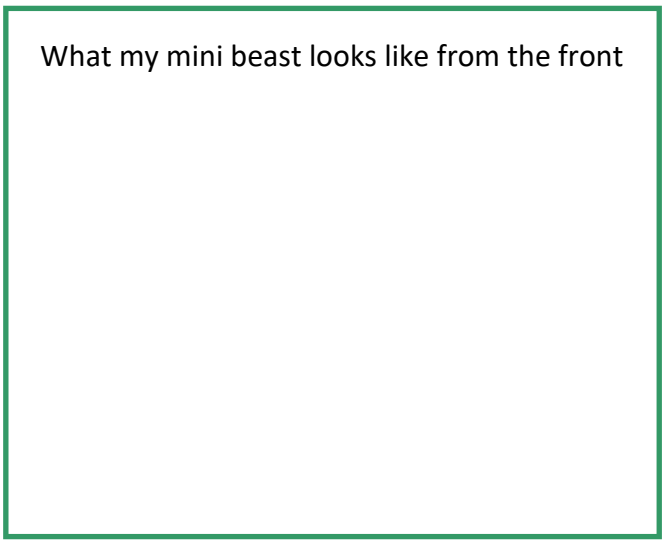
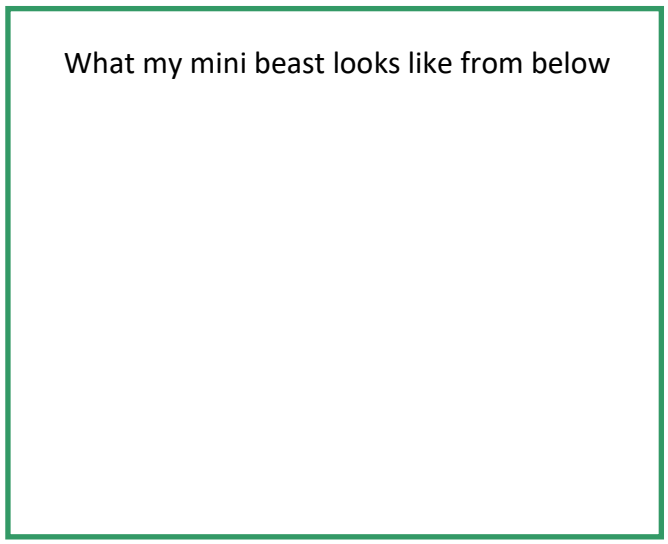
Mini Beast Discovery

My Mini Beast is a _____

What my mini beast looks like from above



What my mini beast looks like from the front



What my mini beast looks like from below