

Marvellous Minibeasts

Reception

Summer 2

Vocabulary

- **Minibeasts** are 'small creatures', like worms, snails, insects and spiders.
- A **lifecycle** is a series of stages a living thing goes through during its life. All plants and animals go through life cycles.
- Antennae are one of two or four threadlike movable feelers on the head of insects and crustaceans.
- **Habitat** is a place that an animal lives. It provides the animal with food, water and shelter.
- A cocoon is a covering made by young insects and some other arthropods to protect themselves while they change from a pupa into an adult.
- A chrysalis is a moth or butterfly pupa that is enclosed in a hardened protective case.

Challenge vocabulary

- Metamorphosis is a dramatic change that some animals and insects go through during their life cycles.
- An exoskeleton is a hard covering that supports and protects the bodies of some types of animals. The word **exoskeleton** means "outside skeleton."

Types of minibeasts include:

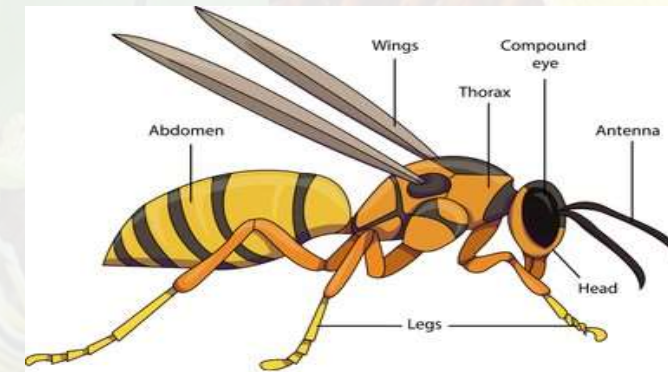
- Caterpillars
- Butterflies
- Tadpoles
- Frogs
- Snails
- Slugs
- Wood louse
- Worms
- Beetles
- Ladybirds
- Spiders

Minibeasts

Different types of minibeasts including:

- Insects such as a bee, ladybird and ant.
- Arachnids such as spiders, daddy long legs and scorpions.
- Myriapods such as centipedes and millipedes.
- Molluscs such as slugs and snails.

The parts of an insect



Unifying Question:

How many minibeasts can you name and describe?

(To be answered in a variety of ways, such as in the form of an answer to a question, a list or a drawing).