

Which minibeasts can you see?

Look out for these minibeasts in your school grounds and see how many different types you can see. Some will be harder to spot than others! Tick the box underneath each one you find.

Slug

Slugs are found all over the place and feed on plant leaves, stems and roots. They provide food for hedgehogs, foxes, badgers and many birds.



Seen it!

Earwig

Earwigs are generally nocturnal, and seek out dark crevices to rest in during the day. They are mainly vegetarian.



Seen it!

Woodlouse

Search for woodlice in compost heaps, or look for them under logs. They feed on dead and decaying matter, and hide in damp places during the day.



Seen it!

Ant

Ants are common in many habitats, and you might find them creating nests under paving slabs. There are a variety of species in the UK and are a food source for many birds.



Seen it!

Harvestman

Although it looks like a long-legged spider, it's not one and can't spin a web. Harvestmen eat small insects, snails and worms, and catch their prey using hooks at the end of their legs.



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Earthworm

They usually live in the top few centimetres of the soil and are vital in maintaining its quality. Earthworms are for hedgehogs, birds, foxes, frogs and toads.



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Centipede

Centipedes live under rocks, in the soil and in compost heaps. They provide food for birds and toads.



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Garden spider

These are common throughout the UK, and spin orb webs to catch their prey. They feed on flying insects such as butterflies, wasps and flies.



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Devil's coach horse

A long black beetle that lives in and around decaying matter, resting in leaf litter or on stones. Watch out for its painful bite!



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