

Session: Mini Beasts!

This session uses our very extensive etymology collection to explore the small creatures which share our world and help to make it what it is. Children will get to handle dragonflies, beetles, bumble bees and butterflies as they explore the difference between insects and other creatures and learn that every living thing has a function. This session is ideal for most age groups.

Session Breakdown:

- Introduction: What is a Mini Beast?
 - Different Kinds: Insects, Spiders (not bugs!)
- Insects
 - What makes an Insect?
 - Body Parts
 - Exploring Common Insects
 - Highlight: Bees and their importance
 - Why do we need mosquitos?
 - Butterflies and wings
 - Compound Eyes
- Other 'Creepy Crawlies'
 - Barnacles, the under-water mini beast
 - Snails & slugs
- Gallery Activity OR Mini Beast Hunt
 - Mini Beast Drawing
- Summery & Farewell

Duration: 1.25hrs (Museum), 45min (Outreach), 1.5hrs (MiniBeast Hunt)

Curriculum Links:

Key Stage 1: Science – SC2 (1b,c)(2a,e,g)(4b)(5a)

Key Stage 2: Science – SC2 (1a,c)(4b)(5a,b,c,f)

Artefacts Used:

- Extensive Etymology Collection