

# Week One : 'Minibeasts' theme

To all of our amazing Mount Street Infants and their families,

Here are a selection of activities from your teachers at Mount Street Infants.

There are lots to choose from.

Pick a few of your favourites and have fun.

You can email us at [learning@mountstreeti.powys.sch.uk](mailto:learning@mountstreeti.powys.sch.uk) if you have any comments or want to let us know which activities you tried.

Missing you all  
Stay Safe

From all of the staff at Mount Street Infant School



# A pie Corbett challenge from Mrs 'Shea


Year 1

Talk for Writing Home-school booklet

## Sidney Spider - A Tale of Friendship

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**SKILLS**  
Speaking and listening

I can listen to others  
I can listen to others with growing concentration  
I can understand the main points and ask questions if I don't understand

I can answer questions  
I can answer open ended questions  
I can answer more complex questions

**Reading and writing**

I can retell the main parts of a story  
I can retell the main parts in the right order  
I can recall with some detail

I can write and make marks that make sense  
I can write words and sentences  
I can write for different purposes

**www.talk4writing.co.uk/we-content/uploads/  
2020/04/Y1-Unit.pdf**

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This is a fantastic resource for all age groups

**Challenge - Can you complete the activities in the booklet?**

Although designed for Year 1, the activities within this booklet are adaptable to suit all children from Reception to Year 2

For example, younger children could focus on their speaking and listening skills, whereas older children could focus on their reading skills as they complete the activities

- ★ Story of Sidney Spider
- ★ Talk activity about the story
- ★ Reading response activities
- ★ Who said what?
- ★ Quiz Time
- ★ Exploring words together
- ★ Enjoying a rhyme together: Incy Wincy Spider
- ★ Helping Sidney to improve his punctuation
- ★ Helping Sidney to improve his handwriting
- ★ Suggesting hiding places for Sidney: developing confidence with prepositions
- ★ A spider fact file
- ★ Becoming a mini-beast hunter  
Writing a fact file for a new creature
- ★ Party time!  
Writing an invitation to Sidney's party  
Baking for the party
- ★ Review of learning

**Challenge - Can you sing a song?**

**SKILLS**

I can join in with songs and rhymes  
I can sing clearly, performing loudly and quietly  
I can sing in tune

**There is a Beehive**

Here is the beehive, where are the bees?  
*(point to it)*

Hiding away were nobody sees  
*(Put hands behind back)*

Watch them come creeping out of their hive,  
*(arms, legs, nose, tongue out)*

One, two, three, four, five,  
Buzz, buzz, buzz.



Can you sing your favourite 'minibeast' rhyme?

**Incy Wincy Spider**

Incy Wincy Spider  
Climbed up the water spout.  
Down came the rain  
And washed poor Incy out.  
Out came the sunshine  
And dried up all the rain.  
And Incy Wincy Spider  
Climbed up the spout again.



**Insects All Around**

Sing to the tune of Tumble, Tumble Little Star

Ladbirds and butterflies,  
Buzzing bees up in the sky.  
Beezy, tiny little ants,  
Crawling up and down the plants.  
Many insects can be found,  
In the sky and on the ground.



**Wiggly Woo**

There's a worm at the bottom of my garden,  
And his name is Wiggly Woo  
There's a worm at the bottom of my garden,  
And all that he can do is...

Wiggle all day  
And wiggle all night.  
The neighbours say he's a terrible  
FRIGHT!

There's a worm at the bottom of my garden,  
And his name is Wiggly Woo.



Do you know any other minibeast rhymes?

**Go to YouTube**

Type the name of each song into the search box

Can you practice singing your favourite song?



**Birds Trees Sky**

Grass Flowers Snails

**Andy's spidery bounce**

**Can you record yourself singing your favorite song?**

Can you click on the 'upload' tab in your HWB file and send a short video of you singing your song?

or  
Email us as we would love to hear



**Creepy crawly song**

**In the garden song**

**Minibeasts song**

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Worm painting and Spider web craft from Ms Griffiths

**Family Fun!**

Here are some activity ideas for all members of the family to enjoy

**Icy Insects!**

Place small plastic toys such as insects, minibeasts, dinosaurs etc. into a freeze-able container. Fill with water and leave overnight. Have fun removing them using tools, salt and warm water.



**Spiderweb Tag**

This game starts like any other game of tag, but it has an insect-themed twist. Select a player as the spider, and all the rest of the family are flies. When the spider tags a fly, that fly then gets caught in the spider's web. The spider and caught fly hold hands and chase after more flies. Each time a fly is caught, the hand-holding forms a larger web. Continue until only one player remains.

**Worm Painting!**

Simply cook some spaghetti, drain it and wait for it to cool. Dip it into paint and drag it across the paper. You can bounce, twirl and whirl the spaghetti to make wonderful patterns and shapes.



**Spiderweb Craft**

Staying on the Spider theme....Collect some small sticks from the garden or on your daily walk. You can use, string, wool or twine to fix them together and weave a spider web!



### I can count up to 10 objects accurately

**Minibeasts I Spy and Count**

**Buwch goch gota**

**Pili pala**

**Gwenynen**

**Malwen**

**Minibeasts I Spy and Count Checklist**  
Count the number of each type of minibeast and write the numeral in the box.

<input type="checkbox"/>	ladybirds		<input type="checkbox"/>	caterpillars	
<input type="checkbox"/>	ants		<input type="checkbox"/>	worms	
<input type="checkbox"/>	bees		<input type="checkbox"/>	beetles	
<input type="checkbox"/>	butterflies		<input type="checkbox"/>	snails	
<input type="checkbox"/>	spiders		<input type="checkbox"/>	woodlice	

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## Edible minibeasts

1 : Use a celery stick as the base of your minibeast

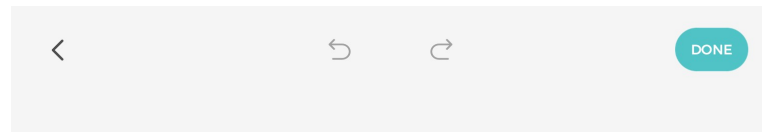


2 : Fill with peanut butter or soft cream cheese.

3 : Decorate with a slice of cucumber, orange, apple or kiwi for a snail or sliced grapes, cherry tomatoes or olives for caterpillars

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# Bug hotel building from Mrs Hyde



## ICT / Research task

Using the safari button on a tablet / iPad find Google and type in 'how to make a bug hotel'

## Task 1

Or visit these websites to research ideas about how to create a simple Bug hotel

- This week's Challenge:
1. Research how to make a bug hotel,
  2. Make a bug hotel
  3. write a set of instruction about how you made it.

[www.supersimple.com/article/bug-hotel](http://www.supersimple.com/article/bug-hotel)

simple Bug Hotel for Kids - Red Ted Art  
[www.redtedart.com>simple-bug-hotel-for-kids](http://www.redtedart.com>simple-bug-hotel-for-kids)

Make a simple bug or ladybird home  
[Http://schoolgardeningrhs.org.uk](http://schoolgardeningrhs.org.uk)

build a Bug hotel- RSPB  
[www.rspb.org.uk](http://www.rspb.org.uk)

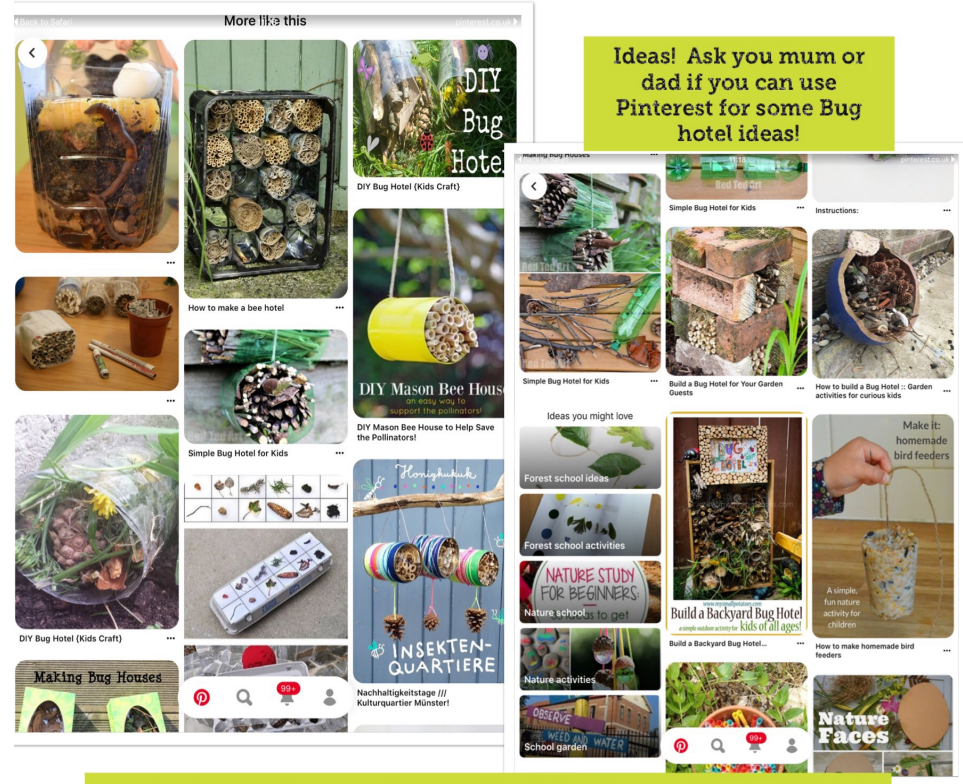
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## To design and Make A Bug Hotel

## Task 2

Ideas! Ask you mum or dad if you can use Pinterest for some Bug hotel ideas!



Take a photo of your finished creation and email it to school!

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# Write a set of Instructions 'How to Make a Bug Hotel'

## Task 3



An example

You will need:

Firstly \_\_\_\_\_

Secondly \_\_\_\_\_

Finally \_\_\_\_\_

You can do your work on paper and Mum or Dad could take a photo and email it to the School or You could do your work in JITS on Hwb and save it in your file

**Younger pupils:**

You could draw a sequence of pictures and add labels to show how to make your bug hotel.

Or you could take photos of the different stages

**Older pupils:**

When writing your instructions remember to follow include a:

A Title

You will need list

Simple numbered instructions

Draw or insert some pictures

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**Learning Challenge:**

1. Research how to make a bug hotel
2. Make a bug hotel
3. Write a set of instructions on how you made your bug hotel

These are the progressive skills that pupils will be covering in these challenges at their own level of learning.

Language and literacy

Writing :

I can draw pictures and make marks that make sense  
I can copy and write words

I can talk about what I am going to write  
I can write words, phrases and sentences  
I can put my writing in the right order and use words: first, second, next, finally  
I can use bossy verbs - e.g collect, put, pick, cut

I can write for different reasons e.g set of instructions  
I can check and improve my writing to ensure it makes sense

ICT/ DCF

I can research how to make a simple bug hotel.  
I can use a search engine to type in key words or a web address.  
I can use titles, headings and images to locate the information I need.  
I can apply my reading skills to locate the information I need.

STEM task

I can design and build my own bug hotel.  
I can discuss the materials I am using.  
I can make changes and improve my work.  
I can evaluate my finished bug hotel and talk about what I like about it, what went well and how I might change it if I were to build it again.

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## A Minibeast hunt from Mrs Coombs

### Where to find minibeasts

Minibeasts live in all sorts of habitats. Many prefer dark, damp spots in gardens and woods, so this is a good place to start your hunt. Encourage children to use their best detective skills to track creatures down:

- Peek under large stones and logs to find woodland and millipedes.
- Peer into the cracks in tree bark and deadwood to find beetles and spiders.
- Poke your nose into long grass to see ants and grasshoppers.
- Look closely at leaves to discover caterpillars and ladybirds.
- Keep your eyes peeled after rain – can you spot slugs, snails and worms.
- Lots of creepy crawlies live in trees and shrubs. Lay a piece of white cloth, such as an old sheet or pillow case, under a tree or bush and gently shake the branches. You'll be surprised how many tiny creatures fall out.

Remember – bugs are very tiny, so be careful if you pick them up and always put them back where you found them. Click on the link for a great I.D. card from the Nature Detectives, National Trust website....

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/media/48349/minibeast-hunt.pdf>



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2D shape activities from Mrs Thomas and a Quiz

I can recognise and name 2D shapes.

### SHAPES YOGA

**I am a triangle.**  
DOWNWARD-FACING DOG POSE

**I am a rectangle.**  
PLANK POSE

**I am a square.**  
TABLE TOP POSE

**I am a circle.**  
CHILD'S POSE

**I am a star.**  
RESTING POSE

Chalk shapes on your patio or draw some on paper. If it's tricky, ask a grown up to draw some and you copy the lines inside their shape.

I can make shapes with my body.

1-minute LEARN SHAPES WITH STICKS

Nature Shapes

Clothespin Geometry

Use things you find in your garden or in your house to make 2D shapes. Can you make some?

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### What shape am I?

This game practices the properties of 2D shape i.e number of sides, corners etc.  
'I can understand the properties of 2D shapes'.

Here are the choices;  
Hexagon?  
Circle?  
Triangle?  
Rectangle?  
Square?

This 2D shape has 4 straight edges; 2 of them are long and 2 are shorter. It also has 4 corners.  
It is a ...

This 2D shape has 4 straight edges which are all the same length. It has 4 corners.  
It is a ...

Can you add some more clues?  
Maybe for an octagon or a pentagon?

This 2D shape has 3 straight edges and 3 corners.  
It is a ...

This 2D shape has 6 straight edges and 6 corners.  
It is a ...

This 2D shape has no straight edges, only one curved edge. It has no corners.  
It is a ...

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## The alphabet

Why not use old magazines, newspapers or comics to find different letters of the alphabet?  
Cut and stick onto paper or make an alphabet book.

