



Dear Year One Children and Parents,

I hope you've all had a lovely Easter!

Our new Science topic for this half term is 'On Safari', so we will be going on a journey.....but not to somewhere far away. Instead our journey will take us around our own gardens, to find out which minibeasts live there and whereabouts we can find them.

Minibeasts are scientifically known as invertebrates, which means they don't have a backbone. There are lots of different types of invertebrates; insects, arachnids, worms, slugs and snails, and because they don't have a skeleton inside their body like us, some live in shells and others, such as ladybirds, have a hard covering called an exoskeleton.

Different invertebrates like to live in different places – under logs and stones, in piles of leaves, in trees, bushes and grass, or in the soil. You might even be sharing your house with some....such as spiders!

Below are some activities to keep you busy over the next couple of weeks.

Mrs Lambert ☺



L.O. Can I identify simple equipment needed  
to observe invertebrates?

Before we head out on safari, we need to think about what equipment we will need to take with us. You can either write a list and explain what each one is used for or draw and label the items.

Think about; how you will record what you have seen, what you can use to look more closely, how you will identify the different invertebrates, what you could put them in while you look at them.





As the next set of activities will include going on our invertebrate hunt, why not start looking around your garden or outdoor area for where they might be living. To encourage more minibeasts, why not make your own minibeast hotel. (Parents, this is entirely optional. Please do not feel obliged, it's just something that may help to pass the time 😊)



It doesn't need to be grand though, piles of natural materials can make a cosy home too!

