



Bug Bonanza

Early Years

Length of Session:

1 hour: 30 min object handling session followed by 30 minute self-guided trail in the Museum.

Maximum group size:

32 children plus 4 members of staff.

Session outline

- After a reading of *'The Bugliest Bug'*, children explore the wonderful world of bugs and minibeasts.
- Find out what makes an insect and insect and a spider a spider.
- Explore some of our spectacular 5 million pinned insects and some live ones, too!
- Can you do the insect 'Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes?'



Suggestions for pre-visit activities

- Discuss who's been to a museum before and what to expect.
- Read *'The Bugliest Bug'* by Carol Shields.
- Make butterfly prints or Incy-Wincy spider hand prints.

Suggestions for post-visit activities

- Go on a Minibeast hunt. How many bugs do you share your playground with? What do they look like under the magnifying glass?
- Build a 'Minibeast Hotel', to attract more bugs, and plant flowers for pollinators like bees and butterflies (the RHS and Bug Life's Plan Bee have some great suggestions for any playground).



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