

Puzzle 3 – Minibeast Hunt

Graph Key



Wingless Insects
Minibeasts with 6 legs and no wings such as ants and beetles



Winged Insects
Minibeasts with 6 legs and wings such as bees, wasps, butterflies and flies



Arachnids
Minibeasts with 8 legs such as spiders and ticks



Myriapods
Minibeasts with a pair of antennae, many body segments and many legs such as centipedes and caterpillars



Annelids
Minibeasts with soft, segmented bodies such as earthworms or slugs

The Easter holiday is the perfect time to go minibeast spotting! There are plenty of places to find minibeasts – under rocks and logs, in the air, in trees... Make a note of all the different kinds of minibeasts you find in the table below and record the weather each day beneath.

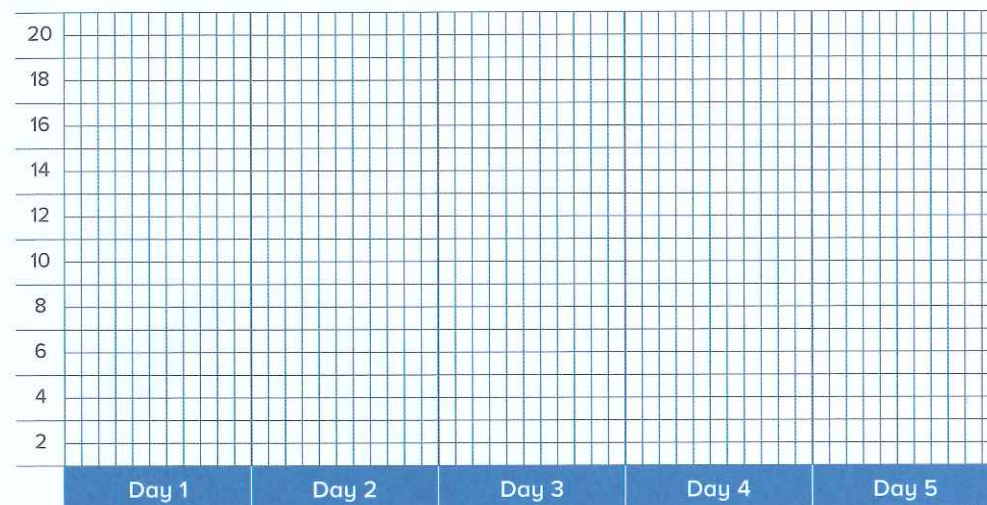
		Number of Minibeasts Found				
Type of Minibeast		Day 1 Date:	Day 2 Date:	Day 3 Date:	Day 4 Date:	Day 5 Date:
	Wingless insects					
	Winged insects					
	Arachnids					
	Myriapods					
	Annelids					

Highlight or circle what best describes the weather each day.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5

Minibeast Hunt Graph

Plot your findings on the graph below. Remember to use the colours red, orange, blue, green and yellow, according to the graph key.



Use your graph and weather table to help you answer the questions below on a separate piece of paper.

- In what weather conditions were you most likely to see winged insects?
- In what weather conditions were you most likely to see wingless insects?
- What kind of minibeasts were you most likely to see on days with heavy rain?
- Did you notice any other features of your graph?

If you're not able to get out counting minibeasts, you can see how many we found at the Making Maths Count blog and use this in your graph!
blogs.gov.scot/making-maths-count/