

Bug Bingo

Learning objectives:

To learn the names of insects that can be found in the garden or local area.



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Practitioner knowledge:

Minibeasts play a really important role in our world, even if they're small and easy to overlook. Bees and butterflies help plants and flowers grow by pollinating them. Ladybirds keep aphids under control, protecting our fruit and vegetables. Worms and beetles improve the soil, helping more food to grow, while spiders help manage flies and other insects.

Taking time to watch and learn about the creatures in our homes and gardens can help children feel more connected to nature. It also encourages them to care for wildlife and look after the places where these minibeasts live.



How to play:

First, you will need to print out the bingo cards, calling cards and tokens. We suggest you laminate for longevity

Cut up the table of white squares, these will be the counters. Children to place over the insect when they have a match.

Cut up the table of nine insects, these will be your calling cards.

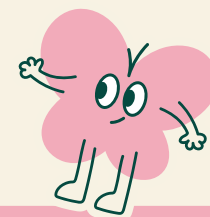
Give each child who would like to play a playing card with six the insects on.

Place all calling cards face down and mix them up.

Turn one of the cards over at a time saying the name of the bug.

If children have that bug on their card, they can place a token on it and call out its name.

The winner is first to get all six bugs!



Bingo cards





Slug



Ladybird



Butterfly



Spider



Bee



Centipede



Worm



Snail



Woodlouse



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Encourage the children to say the bug names as they match them.
As they call out the name of the insects share with them these interesting facts!

Snails - garden snails carry their home on their back and if they grow bigger, their shell grows bigger with them.

Slugs - slugs leave slimy trails wherever they go and they poo from the side of their head.

Ladybirds - ladybirds come in many colours, not just red.

Butterflies - butterflies taste with their feet.

Centipedes - centipedes grow more legs as they get bigger and older.

Woodlice - some woodlice curl into a ball when scared.

Spiders - spiders have eight legs and some even have eight eyes.

Bumblebees - bumblebees have five eyes and they shiver to keep themselves warm.

Worms - Worms have five hearts, but no eyes or teeth.

