

# Year 1 Knowledge Organiser - What are minibeasts and where do they live?

## Key Vocabulary

Habitat	The natural home of an animal or plant.
Weather	The conditions outside - sunshine, clouds, temperature, and rain are some of the changing conditions that make up the weather.
Pond	A small patch of still water.
Hive	something built for or by bees to live in.
Nest	A structure used by a bird to lay eggs. Nests are built in places like trees using materials such as twigs and mud.
Vertebrate	Animals that have a backbone.
Invertebrate	An animal that does not have a backbone.
Insect	A small animal with a hard covering on its body. Insects have a body that is divided into three parts. Most insects have three pairs of legs and one or two pairs of wings.
Environment	Everything that surrounds a living thing and affects its growth and health.

**Minibeasts Descriptive Words**

**How Can Minibeasts Be Described?**  
colourful, creepy, furry, hairy, patterned, small, spotty, stripy, tiny, winged

**How Can a Minibeast's Home Be Described?**  
crunchy, cold, covered, damp, dark, leafy, spun, underground, woven, wet

**What Sounds Might Sometimes Be Heard from Minibeasts?**  
buzzing, chirping, clicking, flapping, humming, scuttling, tapping, whistling

**What Words Can Be Used to Describe a Worm?**  
cold, long, earthy, pink, muddy, slippery, thin, wiggly

**How Can Minibeast Movements Be Described?**  
crawling, creeping, fast, fluttering, flying, marching, quick, slide, slow, slithering, spinning, wiggle, wriggling, zooming

**What Words Can Be Used to Describe an Ant?**  
black, busy, cooperative, hard-working, red, tiny

**What Words Can Be Used to Describe a Snail?**  
hard-shelled, moist, pale, shiny, soft, slow, slimy

**What Words Can Be Used to Describe a Dragonfly?**  
beautiful, delicate, dancing, harmless, metallic, shiny

## Knowledge

- More than 90% of all living animals are invertebrates. Invertebrates do not have a back bone
- Insects live in nearly every habitat on Earth, from the sands of hot deserts to cold snowy mountain streams
- 97% of insects live on land
- Insects help keep our planet tidy by helping to break down and dispose of wastes
- Insects are cold blooded

## They like to live in;

Worm	soil
Dragonfly	ponds
Spider	bushes
Centipede	dead leaves
Beetle	logs
Caterpillar	trees
Butterfly	flowers