

Minibeast Shelters

Activity Sheet



Create a home for some of the smallest creatures to be found at the river.

You will need

- River minibeast identification cards

- 1 Pick a river minibeast from your river minibeast identification cards.
- 2 Now, let's build a home for your minibeast.
 - Where would your creature be likely to live?
 - How will you keep your creature warm?
 - How will you keep your creature dry?
 - What can you add to your house to keep your creature safe from predators?
 - How will your creature get access to food and water?
- 3 Take a look around to find the perfect spot for your minibeast.

This could be a crack in a dry-stone wall, a crevice between some tree roots, a hole in the river bank, or a gap between some stones.
- 4 Once you've found the perfect spot, you can start to create your minibeast shelter.

Use what's around you to create your minibeast shelter - twigs, leaves, stones, moss, shells, tree bark, water, the list is endless.



Notes for parents:

This activity is a great way of getting children to think about the miniature world living along the river bank or under the water.

By creating a home for 'mini creatures', children focus on all things 'small' and this activity is a great way to develop children's vocabulary and speaking skills.

Encourage the children to describe their shelter, its different features and why it is suitable for their minibeast.

Remember: Before you leave the river, take a photo of your mini shelters to remind you of them and for further discussions back at home.



River Minibeast Identification Cards

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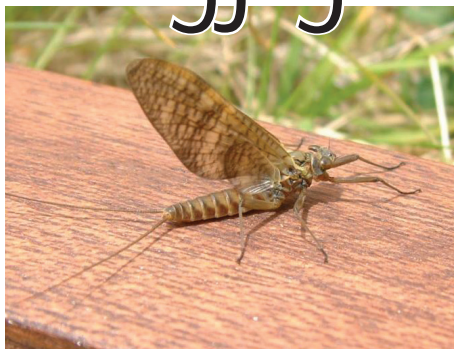
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Why not cut out each of the insects and laminate so that your children can pick their minibeast whilst at the river?