



BUG HUNTING



AIM

It's time to get outside and looking under rocks, logs, leaves and plants to hunt down creepy crawlies, insects and bugs. Use the Bug ID sheet to help identify the bugs as you find them.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Bug Pot or Clear Jar
- Chunky Paint Brush
- Magnifying Glass
- 'My Bug Hunt' Activity Sheet (Downloaded from OBM)



GET ADVENTUROUS: BUG HUNTING

THEME: EXPLORING THE WORLD AROUND ME



LEADER PREPARATION

In preparation for this activity, a leader will need to identify a safe space to use for the bug hunting. This may be your building's grounds, a local park or a woodland area. Leaders will also need to ensure they have enough equipment, including the worksheet, for each person.



Download 'My Bug Hunt' Activity Sheet



GETTING INTO THE ACTIVITY

- 1 Head out to your pre-selected bug hunting area. Explain to the group their boundaries and ensure suitable leader supervision.
- 2 Give each child or small group a jar or container to collect bugs in, a magnifying glass to help study the bugs and a paintbrush to help collect the bugs gently.
- 3 The best place to find bugs is under logs, rocks & leaves. Getting down to the bug's level on the floor will help your hunting.
- 4 When you find a bug, gently use the paintbrush to encourage it into the bug pot. Be careful not to harm the bug.
- 5 Spend some time watching the bug using your magnifying glass. Can you see how it moves? Does it have any markings?
- 6 Use your 'Bug ID' worksheet to help identify the bug you have caught and tick it off your list.
- 7 Gently return the bug where you found it and then carry on looking for the other bugs on the worksheet.



DID YOU KNOW?

- 80% of all creatures on Earth are insects.
- A ladybird may eat up to 5000 insects in its lifetime.
- Caterpillars have 12 eyes.
- One dung beetle can drag 1,141 times its weight – that's like a human pulling six double-decker buses!
- Butterflies taste with their feet.
- Ants can lift 100 times their weight.
- A worm has 5 hearts to help pump blood around its body.



IDEAS TO TAKE THIS FURTHER...

Head back inside and get creative. Spend some time drawing or painting some of the bugs which were found on the bug hunt.



KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE

Please ensure the area you use for the bug hunting is safe and you have permission to be there. Remind the children to be careful as they hunt for bugs to make sure there is nothing sharp. Gloves could be provided and children should be encouraged to wash their hands after this activity.

GET ADVENTUROUS: MY BUG HUNT

ANT:



GRASSHOPPER:



LADYBIRD:



SPIDER:



EARWIG:



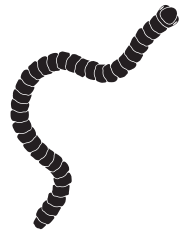
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WORM:



CENTIPEDE:



WOODLOUSE:



SLUG:



SNAIL:

