

Woodland Invertebrates – Explorer Backpack KS2

This backpack contains a set of resources and activity ideas for you to search for, sort and identify mini-beasts amongst the leaf litter, under logs and on the trees.

Item	No.	Activity Ideas
Bug pots 	15	Share with a partner - temporarily house the invertebrates you find in these bug pots. Please use with paintbrushes!
Magnifying glasses 	15	Share with a partner - ideal for looking closely at small invertebrates living on bark, in rolled up leaves, under rocks and logs.
Paintbrushes 	15	Share with a partner – use the soft bristles of the paintbrush to gently sweep an invertebrate into a bug pot. Picking up with your fingers can damage the invertebrates no matter how careful you are.
ID keys 	7	A set of FSC ID keys for invertebrates found amongst the leaf litter, British woodlice, spiders or bugs on bushes, caterpillars or butterflies. Ideal for making habitat comparisons between woodland and grassland
Grouping/ sorting question cards 	1	Now you've found a variety of invertebrates how can you sort them? A series of focussed questions that will look closely at the invertebrates you find, how they move, and how they fit into woodland food chains
Mini-beasts by numbers 	1	A great active game that explores the shape and structure of different invertebrates
Who Am I? 	15	An introduction game to using a key. Challenge a friend to guess which invertebrate by following a carefully structured set of yes/no questions.