

Minibeasts Fact Sheet



A grasshopper can jump 20 times its own length. Most grasshoppers have two pairs of wings and five eyes. They make music by rubbing their wings together on their legs.



Woodlice live in damp, dark places under rocks and logs. They have 14 legs and a hard grey shell. As they get bigger, their small shell falls off and they grow a new one. They are related to lobsters and crabs.



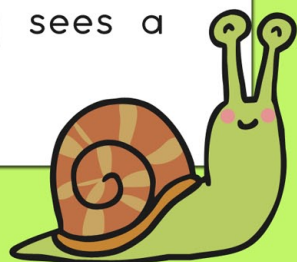
You will usually see snails when it's damp or at night. If the weather is too dry, they can hide in their shells for months. They have four tentacles (two eyes and two are for feeling). They lay about 100 eggs in an underground nest.



Butterflies taste with their feet; they don't have mouths but drink with a long 'tongue'. Butterflies start as eggs, and the eggs hatch into caterpillars, before turning into butterflies.

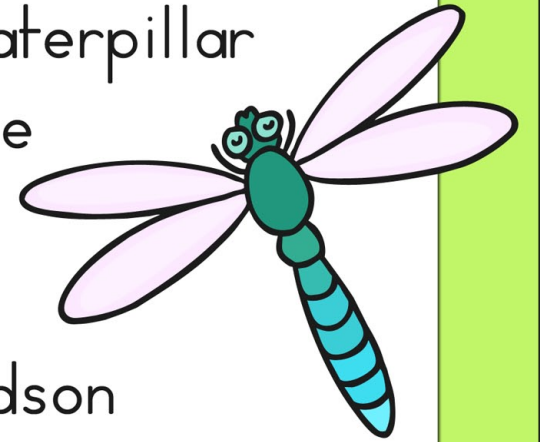


A fly beats its wings 200 times a second. They can walk upside down using their sticky toe pads. A house fly lives for about 21 days. If a house fly sees a group of flies, it will join them.

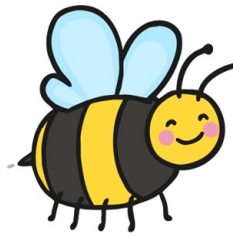


Book Suggestions

The Very Hungry Caterpillar
By: Eric Carle



Superworm
By: Julia Donaldson



Billy's Beetle
By: Mick Inkpen

Minibeasts on a Plant
Minibeasts Under a Stone
By: Sarah Ridley

