

Activity: Who lives here?

National Curriculum Links:

Living things and their habitats

- identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other.

Working Scientifically

- Ask questions and understand that they can be answered in different ways.
- Observe closely, using simple equipment.
- Identify and classify.
- Use observations to suggest answers to questions.
- Gather and record data to help answer questions.

Suggested park location: Old English Garden/ Herb Garden

What do we need?

Clipboards
Pens/ pencils
Magnifiers
ipad/tablet
insect identification resource sheet



What do we do?

- Remind the pupils of what a habitat/micro habitat is.
- Ask them to walk around the garden with their partner. Can they find any habitats? What do they notice about them? Why do they think it is a habitat?
- Bring them together to share what they found.
- Can they predict what type of creature will live in the habitats they identified? (worms, spiders, beetles, woodlouse, ants, moths, butterflies, bees, flies, centipedes, slugs, rabbits, foxes). Why do certain creatures like certain places?
- Ask them to choose one of the habitats they found and draw a picture of it. Use some adjectives to describe what it is like. Then observe carefully to see if they can find any creatures in/around it. Record any creatures they see, drawing or photographing. Use the identification sheet to help. Why do these creatures live here?
- Back in class pupils could compare the habitats they found and the creatures that they found there.



Insect identification resource sheet

<p>Worm</p>	<p>Snail</p>	<p>Slug</p>	<p>Woodlouse</p>	<p>Millipede</p>
<p>Centipede</p>	<p>Dragonfly</p>	<p>Grasshopper</p>	<p>Bush Cricket</p>	<p>Earwig</p>
<p>Shieldbug</p>	<p>Flower Bug</p>	<p>Hopper</p>	<p>Butterfly</p>	<p>Moth</p>
<p>Caterpillar</p>	<p>Bee</p>	<p>Wasp</p>	<p>Ant</p>	<p>Fly</p>
<p>Cranefly</p>	<p>Hoverfly</p>	<p>Ladybird</p>	<p>Beetle</p>	<p>Spider</p>

