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Wednesday 20th January

LO: To know the difference between a habitat and a microhabitat

Science Vocabulary



question



observe



compare



identify



conclude



classify



Recap! What did you learn yesterday?

- ▶ Yesterday you learnt about habitats.
- ▶ What is a habitat?

What is the difference between a habitat and a microhabitat?

- ▶ Habitats are very big, like a woodland.
- ▶ Some habitats are very small; we call these microhabitats.
- ▶ A large habitat contains many microhabitats.
- ▶ A microhabitat can be as small as a fallen branch or the space under a stone.

Microhabitats and Minibeasts

Here are some different microhabitats you might have found in the local environment.



Under stones and rocks.



In short grass.



Inside rotting wood.



Under fallen leaves.



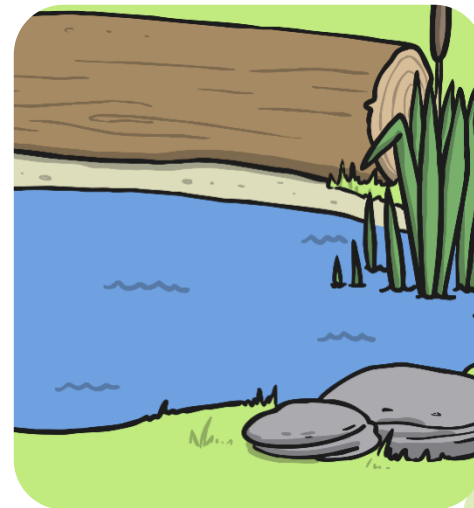
In and on the soil.



In tall grass and flowers.

What is a minibeast?

- ▶ A minibeast is a small creature like an insect, a worm or a spider.
- ▶ Many different minibeasts live in many different microhabitats.
- ▶ Minibeasts help to keep the microhabitat healthy.



Want to find out more about
different types of minbeasts?
Then read on! 😊

Caterpillar

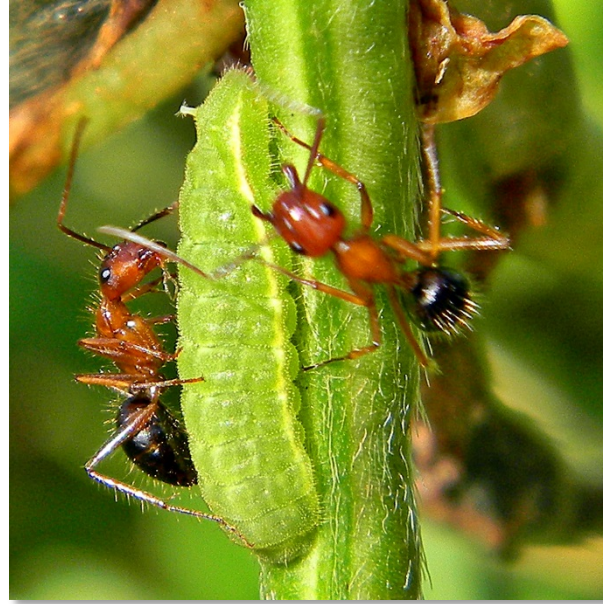


Caterpillars like to live on top of and underneath leaves.

This is so they can use their camouflage and blend into the leaf.

This helps to protect them so that they are not easily seen by predators.

Ants



Ants mostly live underground in big families.

There are lots of insects to eat underground.

Ants don't have ears. Ants hear by feeling vibrations in the ground through their feet.

Worms



Worms like to live anywhere there is soil.

They like to eat dead leaf matter and they need the soil to be moist.

Worms help to keep soil healthy by digging tunnels that let air and water in.

Spider



Spiders can live in just about any habitat.

When the weather gets colder they have to find shelter.

Their body colours help them to blend in and they build webs to catch insects to eat.

Your task today!

- 1) Explain the difference between a habitat and a microhabitat.
- 2) Draw pictures of minibeasts, write what microhabitat they might be found at and then write some sentences about that minibeast.

Well done you have finished your
science work for today!
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