Minibeasts

In this report you will learn about minibeasts. A minibeast is a small animal that doesn’t have a backbone like snails, spiders, beetles, slugs, worms and others. It is amazing that minibeasts can be found on dry land and in wet water! Enjoy learning all about wasps, bees, snails and ladybirds.

Wasps

Did you know that wasps live in nests? There are around 10,000 busy worker wasps and one queen wasp. It’s amazing that they build paper nests because they can chew wood and other materials carefully and use them to build their nests! Mostly, wasps eat juicy fruit, sweet nectar from flowers and other insects and they can sting badly if they feel threatened.

Bees

It is interesting that bees can be found all over the world in many different countries. They can sting, but only once in their life. Did you know that honeybees talk to each other by dancing? In addition, bees make delicious honey using nectar from flowers and bushes.

Snails

Usually snails come out slowly when it’s damp or at night if the weather is dry. They can hide in their hard shells for months if they like. Did you know that snails have four tentacles? Two are eyes and two are for feeling. They have no legs but one foot to rest on. Another interesting fact is that snails can lay about 100 tiny eggs in a dark underground nest!

Ladybirds

Ladybirds are very beautiful minibeasts because they are red and have black spots all over their back. If you count the number of spots it does not tell you how old they are but it tells you what type of ladybird it is. It’s interesting that there are 42 types of ladybirds in the UK! Ladybirds march in a straight line until they come across food. Also, the male is smaller than the female. The ladybird is considered good luck in some countries and people make a wish when they see one. So next time you see a ladybird make sure you make a wish!