

# Marvellous Minibeasts

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## Woodland minibeasts

You are now going to take a closer look at the ground in a woodland.

✿ Search the ground and try to find...

- Soil
- Dead twigs
- Dead branches
- Dead leaves from at least three different trees
- Seeds and fruits from at least two different trees
- Fungi

✓ Tick the things you found

Write down here anything else you found ✍ .....

✿ The layer of soil, leaves and dead wood on the floor of the woodland is known as 'woodland litter'.

✿ All the dead things in the litter are being slowly broken down by organisms that feed on dead organic matter. These include:

- worms, beetles, woodlice and other minibeasts
- fungi
- micro-organisms

What do you think would happen if the micro-organisms, fungi and minibeasts were not there?

✍ .....

Now you are going to look for some of the minibeasts that are doing this important job.

- ✿ Put some woodland litter in a tray.
- ✿ Look closely at the litter, looking for minibeasts. You may find it useful to use a sieve. Use pooters, if you have them, to catch minibeasts.
- ✿ Use ID charts and books to identify what you've found and record everything in this table.

Name or description of minibeast	Tally