



Interesting facts about minibeasts!

Did you know?...

- Bumblebees are struggling to survive with two species now extinct in the United Kingdom.
- Bumblebees are capable of buzz pollination, where the bee grabs the flower and produces a high-pitched buzz that releases pollen.
- In its lifetime, a single bee can collect enough nectar to make one twelfth (1/12) of a teaspoon of honey.
- Eating honey can help make you smarter! It's the only known food that contains 'pinocembrin', an antioxidant that improves brain function.
- Butterflies don't poo because their diet is made up entirely of liquid.
- Butterflies taste with their feet and choose the yummiest leaves to lay their eggs on, as that will be their caterpillars' food.
- Most spiders are carnivores, as they only feed on insect and other invertebrates. However, some of the largest spiders prey on vertebrates, including birds!

- All spiders have fangs and almost all spiders are venomous. However, most spider poison is too weak to harm humans.
- Daddy long legs are arachnids also known as harvestmen. They have three body sections, unlike spiders who have two, and their legs have seven sections, which they can break off to surprise or distract a predator.
- Scientist have proved that ants were alive during the dinosaur ages and that dragonflies were anround even before dinosaurs!
- Ants are extremely strong and can carry up to 50 times their own body weight. For every human on Earth, there are 1.5 million ants! They live on every contient except Antartica.
- A housefly beats its wings 200 times a second.
- Most snails have for tentiacles- two for seeing and two for smelling, feeling and tasting.
- Snails are deaf!