



Small is beautiful!



How many insects can you find?

What is an insect?

- Insect has 6 jointed legs. A spider is not an insect – it has 8! Nor is a centipede!
- Most insects also have wings, antennae, and compound eyes.
- Insects don't have bones or a backbone like us. They're called invertebrates. That means they have a hard exoskeleton, or shell, on the outside of their bodies that protects them.
- They have three parts to their body - the head, thorax and abdomen. The thorax is the middle region and the abdomen is the lower region.
- While insects have many similarities, they also come in all shapes, sizes and colours!
- Some fly – ladybirds, bee, dragonfly, and moth. Can you think of any other flying insects? Some jump – Fleas, grasshoppers. Can you think of others?
- All insects hatch from eggs. The babies are called larva. All insects go through the same life cycle. Life begins as an egg. The egg hatches and larva emerge. Larvae usually look nothing like the adult insect. The larvae enter a pupa, chrysalis or cocoon. An adult insect emerges from the pupa

Can you find any of these?

Beetles: Ladybird



Ground beetle



Green Tiger beetle



Butterflies



Moths



Dragonflies



House fly



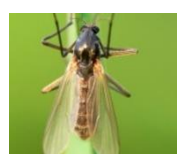
Mayfly



Mosquito



Midge



Bees



Wasps



Ants

