



Introduction to Insects and arachnids.

Dear parents,

Welcome to the first lesson in our new club, "Insect Investigators" - and there was lots to investigate. In fact, with an estimated 30 million different species recorded, mini beasts are one of the most diverse groups of organisms living on the planet. So where do we begin?

We introduced our intrepid learners to the creepy crawly underworld by looking at the four major groups of mini beasts: insects, arachnids, invertebrates and crustaceans, focussing specifically today on the first two groups. We explored the similarities and the differences between them; how many legs they have, how many eyes, do they sting or bite? and many other common characteristics. We learnt many interesting facts, too, like that arachnids can't chew - they swallow their prey by sucking them through their mouth, like through a straw! Sick!

We can't wait to learn so many more exciting facts next time! Teacher Adam



