Bug Bonanza
Early Years

Length of Session:
1 hour: 30 min object handling session followed by 30 minute self-guided trail in the Museum.

Maximum group size:
32 children plus 4 members of staff.

Session outline
• After a reading of ‘The Bugliest Bug’, children explore the wonderful world of bugs and minibeasts.
• Find out what makes an insect and insect and a spider a spider.
• Explore some of our spectacular 5 million pinned insects and some live ones, too!
• Can you do the insect ‘Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes?’

Suggestions for pre-visit activities
• Discuss who’s been to a museum before and what to expect.
• Read ‘The Bugliest Bug’ by Carol Shields.
• Make butterfly prints or Incy-Wincy spider hand prints.

Suggestions for post-visit activities
• Go on a Minibeast hunt. How many bugs do you share your playground with? What do they look like under the magnifying glass?
• Build a ‘Minibeast Hotel’, to attract more bugs, and plant flowers for pollinators like bees and butterflies (the RHS and Bug Life’s Plan Bee have some great suggestions for any playground).