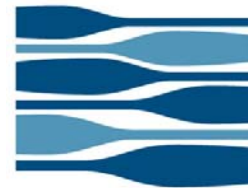


River & Rowing Museum

Key Stage 1: Ugly Bug Ball

Workshop Summary



Pupils will investigate the mini beasts and plants living in the meadows around the Museum, and how they depend on each other. The workshop gives pupils a chance to examine mini beasts close up, learn about insect life cycles, and search for live insects in their natural habitats. The workshop also highlights the issues of endangered species such as the Stag Beetle, which is disappearing as its habitat disappears.

Workshop Contents

Education Centre (Museum Tutor led)

- Pupils will be introduced to simple insect anatomy by meeting Boris the Stag Beetle
- Role play to investigate the characteristics of a stag beetle
- Class discussion of mini beast classification using a video microscope
- Pupils will investigate the diversity of mini beasts by examining real insect specimens
- Making a model of a beetle with the correct anatomical features

Mini Beast Safari (Museum Tutor led)

- A guided walk around the outside of the Museum looking for mini beasts in different habitats and investigating how different mini-beasts have adapted to their environment.
- Pupils collect representations of different habitats to make a necklace for Queen Isis and discuss how these change with the seasons.

Thames Gallery (Teacher led)

- Learn the lifecycle of a Butterfly by dressing up in the life stages
- Simple classification of creatures into different groups using puppets
- Matching butterflies to their caterpillar & looking for camouflaged habitats

Learning Outcomes

- Develop a new scientific vocabulary
- Develop an understanding that not all mini beasts are insects
- Develop an understanding of simple insect anatomy
- Develop an understanding of how to treat living things with respect
- Experience the wealth of diversity of mini beasts

National Curriculum Areas Covered

- Science:
 - Scientific enquiry
 - Life processes and living things

Useful Pupil Preparation

- Some knowledge of the life cycle of a butterfly