

Ponds and Woodland Explorer

Ponds

<http://www.naturegrid.org.uk/pondexplorer/pond3.html>

A virtual pond dip which is useful to help identify what you have found in a real pond.

<http://www.naturegrid.org.uk/pondexplorer/pond-cross.html>

Online activity exploring where in the pond different creatures live

<http://www.naturegrid.org.uk/email/enquiry-p.html>

A pond based web enquiry

Woods

<http://ngfl.northumberland.gov.uk/dt/minibeast/default.htm>

Design and build your own minibeast.

A good activity to link the minibeast activity to the design and technology curriculum.

Investigate minibeast habitats

Habitats

Introduce the word habitat, explore your school environment to make a list of habitats. Ask children to compare two habitats one that can be found in the school grounds e.g. a pond, grassy area, school garden and one from the habitats represented on the Naturegrid site.

Ask children to predict and then find the type of animals they think will live in both habitats. Help them to describe differences between the two and begin to explore reasons for such differences. Discuss whether their predictions were correct.

<http://www.naturegrid.org.uk/woodland/woodexplore.html>

<http://www.naturegrid.org.uk/grassland/index.html>

<http://www.naturegrid.org.uk/pondexplorer/pond3.html>

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