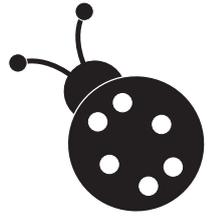


Build a Bug Hotel

in your own garden



Background Information

Children

Did you know your garden is a living breathing habitat?

To find out more about habitats, look at this [Discovery Education clip](#).

Parents

To the right are the curriculum objectives which this activity meets, for all age groups, from Early Years to Key Stage 2.

Curriculum Links:

Science

ELG1 The World

- Children know about similarities and differences in relation to places, materials and living things. They talk about the features of their own immediate environment and how environments might vary from one another. They make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things occur, and talk about changes.

KS1 - Working Scientifically

- Observing closely using simple equipment
- Identifying and classifying.

Living Things and their Habitats

- Identify and name a variety of common insects
- Identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants and how they depend on each other

KS2 - Working Scientifically

- use and develop keys and other information records to identify, classify and describe living things and materials.

Animals, including Humans

- identify that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food; they get nutrition from what they eat.

Background Research

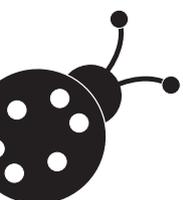
It's a really good idea to do some research on common insects, so you know what you're looking to encourage into your hotel. Spend some time on [DK findout! Page on insects](#) to help you recognise insects and their characteristics.

We have created a short 3min '[How to Build a Bug Hotel Video](#)' and have pictures of different bug hotels on our Facebook page.

Before building, you should consider the following

- Why should we encourage insects into our gardens?
 - What do insects need from their habitat?
 - What materials will meet these needs?
 - Where is the bug hotel best located?

Walk around your garden or outside area collecting materials such as twigs, leaves, wood, old broken plant pots, bamboo canes, straw. You can even old cardboard boxes!



Once you've built your hotel, take a photograph and stick it in the box below.



Return to your hotel several times to see which guests you have visiting and record your findings.

Visit 1 - My hotel guests included:

Visit 2 - My hotel guests included:

Visit 3 - My hotel guests included:

Visit 4 - My hotel guests included:

- **Have you noticed if your guests have changed or are they same ones each visit?**
- **Why do you think this is?**