

Glenveagh Nature Education Programme

MODULE FACT SHEET FOR TEACHERS

Minibeasts

WHO IS THIS MODULE IDEAL FOR?

- Your class group are 2nd to 6th Class
- Your class have already completed the Nature Explorer module with us and have been to Glenveagh before.
- You would like a theme that can be explored further at school or home.
- You are choosing insects as a topic to study as part of the 'Living Things' strand of the curriculum.

Note: These are recommendations only - modules are open to all groups.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Discover what food chains are, how they work and where minibeasts come into this.
- Learn about soils, how important it is and what insects do for it.
- Learn about pollinating insects: Butterflies, bees, dragonflies etc. and how vital they are.
- Name the parts of an insect
- At the end of the trip, be able to say why insects are so important.



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HOW THE EDUCATION TEAM WILL DELIVER THIS PROGRAMME AND WHAT STUDENTS WILL EXPERIENCE:

- Guides will take you all on a nature trail exploration to look at the different environments that bugs live in.
- Discuss what decomposition is by looking at the soil and seeing how its created in a woodland setting.
- Hunt for the minibeasts and follow up identification using keys and charts.
- Create some art with natural materials OR build a minibeast habitat

WHAT CAN YOU DO BEFORE YOUR VISIT TO GLENVEAGH?

- Research and talk about the services that insects do for us e.g. creating soil, decomposing leaves and pollination.
- Explore the parts of an insect and the lifecycle of an insect e.g. caterpillar.
- Try having a bug hunt in your school grounds.

SUGGESTED FOLLOW UP ACTIVITIES TO DO AFTER YOUR VISIT:

- Make a minibeast using arts and crafts materials from your classroom.
- Have minibeast hunt at school and then create a survey table from your results. What kind of insects can you find?
- Make a bug hotel.
- Set up a composter in the school and monitor it for minibeasts!

