

Hi all, we have loved seeing some of your leaf bashing and pictures of spring flowers found last weekthank you for sharing!



Have you noticed the amount of dandelions growing at the

moment? This week Madeleine has been busy making dandelion juice and attached is the recipe for you to have a go too. Just remember to only use dandelions that you know haven't been sprayed.

EYFS/KS1: We have been spotting butterflies, ladybirds and beetles in our gardens and on our walks. This week see how many different minibeasts you can spot. We use egg boxes to collect them in



carefully but often it is best to just observe them and how they move. An animal's home is called a habitat. Don't forget to look under large stones and logs, in cracks in tree bark, deep in the long grass and in the trees and shrubs. Dig in the soil to see who lives underground and if you place a light-coloured sheet under a tree and shake it, you will be amazed by the minibeasts that drop out. Try hunting in the sunshine and after it has rained. Can you find different minibeasts at different times? Which prefer dark damp places?

Remember – bugs are very tiny, so be careful if you pick them up and always put them back where you found them and put stones and logs back too. Attached is a bug spotter sheet from the Woodland trust to help you but there are many more you can find.

KS2: Join Ks1 on their hunt but to make it a bit more challenging we would like you to find animals from different classification groups. Animals can be grouped into two groups - Vertebrates with backbones and invertebrates without backbones. Attached are the groups to help you and some examples of what you could find. Can you find an insect, an arachnid, an amphibian, a fish, a bird, a mollusc, a myriapod, an annelid worm, a mammal and a crustacean? Remember woodlice are

crustaceans because they evolved from living in water. If you find a reptile we will be very impressed!

