

# Wiggle, flutter and play

## 5 hands-on mini beast themed activities

There are so many mini beast activities little learners can enjoy throughout the day. We've done the research for you, and pulled together five of our favourites to explore with your insect-loving crew. These activities, aligned with the Early Years Learning Framework, encourage a playful yet structured approach to learning. They will not only engage children's senses but have them buzzing with excitement!

### 1. Bug Sensory Bin

**EYLF learning outcome: Children have a strong sense of wellbeing**

Fill a bin with sand or rice, and hide toy insects inside. Children can dig through to find and identify the bugs, using scoops and cups of all shapes and sizes. Collect your bugs here:

<https://www.teaching.com.au/product/insect-counters-8211-72-pieces-in-container>

### 2. Ant Farm Observation

**EYLF learning outcome: Children are connected with and contribute to their world**

Check out our super cool ant factory or set up a simple ant farm in a clear container and observe the ants' behaviour. Discuss their roles and how they live and work together. See our ant factory here: <https://www.teaching.com.au/product/geosafari-ant-factory-8211-23x38cm>

### 3. Butterfly Lifecycle

**EYLF learning outcome: Children are confident and involved learners**

Learn about the lifecycle of butterflies with hands-on activities, such as planting flowers that attract butterflies and observe the changes. You could even watch your very own centre butterflies develop and have a special release day! Check out our butterfly lifecycle kit:

<https://www.teaching.com.au/product/butterfly-life-cycle-kit>.

### 4. Insect Dance Party

**EYLF learning outcome: Children have a strong sense of wellbeing**

Play or make music and have children move like different insects - buzzing like bees, crawling like ants, fluttering like butterflies and creeping like spiders! Our musical movement kit will complete any dance party: <https://www.teaching.com.au/product/musical-movement-kit>

### 5. Paper Plate Critters

**EYLF learning outcome: Children are confident and involved learners**

Use paper plates, markers and craft supplies to create bug inspired masterpieces. Children can decorate their plates to look like ladybugs, bees or even a spider plate complete with googly eyes and pipe cleaner legs! Find everything you need for creepy-crawly craft fun:

<https://www.teaching.com.au/page/art-and-craft>