

# ART 1

WALT – DESIGN A MINIBEAST HOTEL

Think back to the mini beast hunt you did in science...

Where did you find the most mini beasts?

What was the place like?

Why do you think there were more mini beasts there?

### **The Science**

Bugs and insects are attracted to warm, dry areas (especially if they have decomposing leaves and twigs in them). Many insects' habitats are under rocks and in nooks and crannies where they won't be disturbed and feel safe. They are also attracted to sugary things so sugar cubes are ideal for attracting a range of creatures.

This means our mini beast hotels will need lots of nooks and crannies!

You will need to gather some resources that you could use for your mini beast hotel. This will help us to design one!

Your resources should mostly be natural materials. I have made a list of possible materials >>>>>>

Remember you will need lots of different sections that have holes through them so the bugs can move around!

- Old wooden pallets
- Strips of wood
- Straw
- Moss
- Dry leaves
- Woodchips
- Old terracotta pots
- Old roofing tiles
- Bricks, preferably those with holes through them
- Old logs
- Bark
- Pine cones
- Sand
- Soil
- Hollow bamboo canes
- Dead hollow stems cut from shrubs and herbaceous plants
- A sheet of roofing felt
- Planks of wood
- Whatever else you can find - preferably natural materials

Using the resources you have found and the examples below can you draw your mini beast hotel and label it with the different materials.





Next art lesson will be to make your mini beast hotels so make sure you have all the resources you want

You might want to collect some twigs on your next walk!