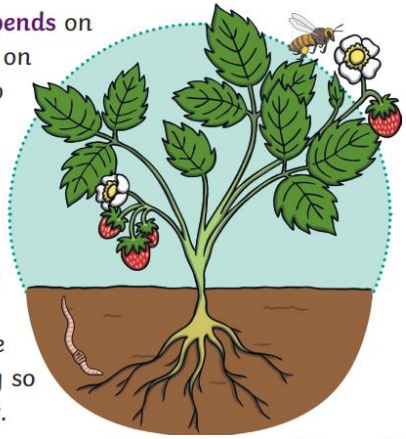
Science

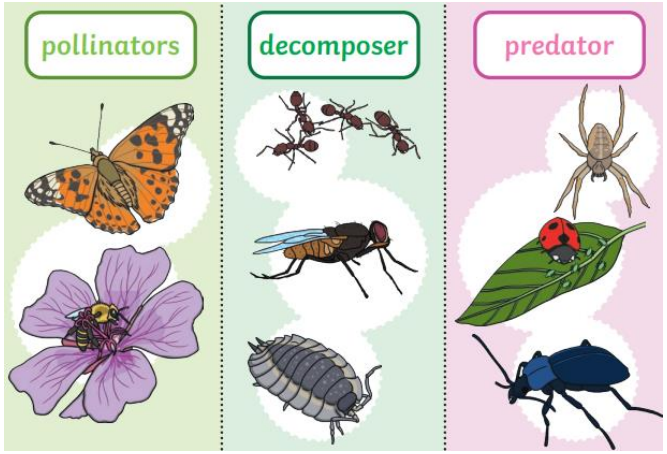
Minibeasts and Microhabitats

Living things in a **habitat** all **depend** on each other for their survival. They provide things like food and shelter for other living things.

The bee **depends** on the flowers on the plant to provide a source of food.

The plant **depends** on the worm to make the soil healthy so it can grow.





Examples of microhabitats:



in or on soil



in or under logs



in grass

Key Vocabulary

Microhabitat
Microhabitat is a very small habitat in places like under a rock, under leaves or under a branch

Minibeast
Minibeasts are all invertebrates. They come in all shapes, sizes and colours. Most are very small.

Invertebrate
An animal without a backbone.

Decomposer
Minibeasts that feed on and break down (decompose) natural waste material.

Predator minibeast
A carnivore or omnivore minibeast that feeds on other minibeasts.

Pollinator
An animal responsible for pollination.

Pollination
The transfer of pollen within or between plants that allows the plant to produce seeds.

Biodiversity
Biodiversity measures the variety of living things (such as plants and animals) in an area and how those different things depend on each other to meet their needs.

Ecosystem
An area that is home to living (e.g. animals and plants) and non-living (e.g. soil) things that depend on each other.