

# Practical activity ideas

## Create your own invertebrate

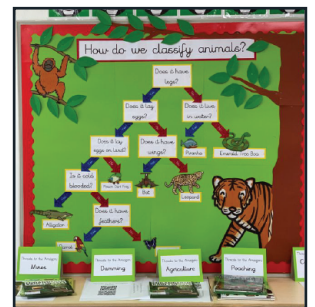
The resources you may need for this activity include junk modelling materials, lollipop sticks or clothes pegs, paints or other colours. You could use clay or scrap paper and glue for papier.



**Activity:** This activity can be as big or small as you want it to be! Use lollipop sticks or clothes pegs and spare craft materials to create a buzzing collection of unique invertebrates. Use clay or papier mâché to form the different head, body and thorax segments for an arthropod, then add jointed legs and even wings with wire or pipe cleaners and tissue. Encourage the children to focus on the characteristic features of each invertebrate group.

## Whole class sorting key

The resources you will need for this activity include paper, card or dry-wipe boards, photos or pictures of animals to classify, and a large area for display, like a wall, window or door. Sticky tack or Velcro could be used for fixing to the wall.



**Activity:** Change the display to match this week's focus using a dichotomous key to identify animals. Use dry-wipe boards for the closed questions and change the board daily. Mix it up and see who is first to solve the key and identify the animals.

## The secret life of...

The resources you will need for this activity include imagination, paper and a pen to write the scripts, and a camera if you wish to film! QR code from Lesson 1 activities is optional.

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/ibROPPPrU4>

Beneath the mossy undergrowth of the twilight forest, a creature stirs. With translucent scales and six jointed limbs, the Glimmerbeetle glides silently across the leaf litter. It feeds not on plants, nor prey, but on the faint pulses of bioluminescent fungi. Rarely seen, and never heard, it remains one of nature's most elusive enigmas.

**Activity:** Use the video link, or the AI-generated script opposite for inspiration. Write a script and film a 'David Attenborough' style documentary. This could be for a real animal, a model you made, or your fictional animal created using AI in the last lesson's practical activities.

## Levon Biss - photographer

The resources you will need for this activity include a camera with a zoom facility and a printer (optional).



**Activity:** Watch the video and learn about the work of Levon Biss. Become a photographer for the day and take a digital camera or an iPad outside to get some close-up photos of invertebrates for yourself. You could print the photos and have your own exhibition!

<https://vimeo.com/157712307?fl=pl&fe=vl&pgroup=plc>

