

HELLO PARENTS,

Children love to explore all kinds of insects. They are naturally curious and interested in insects. Children are excited when they see how a spider and an ant crawls, a butterfly and bumblebee fly, a grasshopper jumps, etc. Children enjoy imitating insects because they can do amazing things like flying, jumping, or moving in an unusual way. In this newsletter, we will provide you with different fun activities to explore insects.

ACTIVITIES

INFANTS (3 – 18 MONTHS)

ITSY BITSY SPIDER SONG

DIRECTIONS:

- Sing the song and show movements with your fingers as you sing.
- Make different facial expressions and gestures.

[Click here](#) to listen to the song.

[Click here](#) for another song.

TODDLERS (19 MONTHS – 2.5 YEARS)

INSECTS HUNTING

MATERIALS:

- Butterfly net, small bucket

DIRECTIONS:

- Take your child for a walk in the neighbourhood.
- Look for insects and let your child find them.
- Make sure you name all the insects that you find or see.
- Ask your child to imitate insect movements.

[Click here](#) for more activities.

PRESCHOOLERS (2.5 – 5 YEARS)

BUMBLEBEE

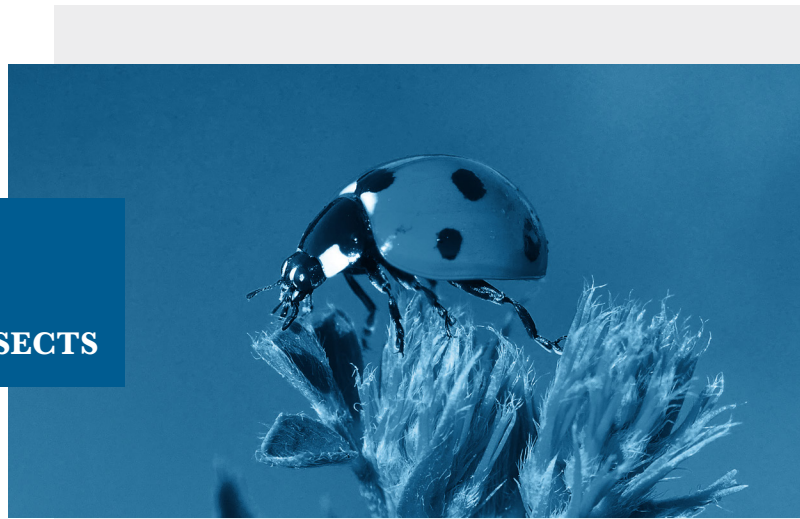
MATERIALS:

- Paper roll
- Yellow, light blue and black paper
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Black markers

DIRECTIONS:

- Cut a strip of yellow paper the same width as the paper roll.
- Apply glue and wrap the paper around the paper roll.
- Cut strips from the black paper and wrap a few around the bottom part of the paper roll.
- Draw two eyes and a mouth onto the roll with black marker.
- Cut wings from light blue paper and an antennae from black paper and glue them onto the paper roll.

[Click here](#) for more activities.



JK/SK (4 – 6 YEARS)

INSECT ATTRACTION

MATERIALS:

- Small clean container
- Small garden shovel
- Pieces of ripe fruit

DIRECTIONS:

- Pick an area of your yard where you would like to observe bugs.
- Dig a hole in the ground big enough to hold the container so its rim is level with the ground.
- Find some food to attract insects. What kinds of things do you think most insects like to eat?
- Place a small amount of one or two of those things in the bottom and on the top rim of your container and set it in the hole.
- Fill any extra space around the container with dirt, but try not to get any dirt in the container.
- Leave the area for about 30 minutes, then go back and check to see if any insects have come to taste the treat you left for them. (You can leave your container out all day if you like, checking on it every hour to watch bugs come and go.)
- What did you see? Did you observe different insects in the container?
- After you have observed for awhile, take the container out of the hole and set it on its side so the insects can get out.

[Click here](#) for more activities.

SCHOOL-AGERS (6 – 12 YEARS)

MAKE A BUTTERFLY FEEDER

MATERIALS:

- A plastic lid · Hole punch · String or yarn
- Construction paper · Scissors · Tape · Juice

DIRECTIONS:

- Use the hole punch to punch four holes in the lid, just inside the rim.
- Cut four pieces of string or yarn that are each about 12 inches long.
- Tie one end of each string through each of the holes and around the rim.
- Cut colorful flowers out of paper and tape them to the strings to help the feeder attract butterflies.
- Pour a few drops of juice on the lid.
- Take your feeder outside and hang it from a tree branch.
- Watch to see what kind of butterflies come and eat at your feeder.
- Make a chart, and describe the butterflies.
- How many butterflies eat from your feeder at once? How does a butterfly eat?

[Click here](#) to watch the lifecycle of the butterfly.

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A TIP FOR TODAY

- Practice insects' movements with your child.
- Give your child information about insects that bite, sting, etc.
- Go outside with your child to find insects. Look for butterflies, bees, fireflies, bumblebees, ants and more.
- Talk with your child about how big they are, what colour they are, how they move, what food they eat, etc.