

Main activity

Show the children how they are going to add a new card (record) into the database.

Show how to move from field to field using the mouse or tab. Show the children how to edit the database if they do make a mistake and how to change/draw the picture.

Give the children the task of adding their own cards to the database.

(If you have not got a network, decide on a strategy to get all the children's records onto each database. Either get the children to swap computers or get the children to swap the paper-based record so that they type different people's records into their computers.)

Extension activities

Children could share their written copies and add extra records into the database.

Children could use the database records to create graphs about minibeasts - number of wings, legs, location etc.

Plenary (10 mins)

Discuss how the information varies from that in books - how there is less writing and only selected information in it. Discuss if there are any information fields that the children think should have been added such as: Do they sting? Or Which countries are they found in? If it is possible, use this as a continuing exercise where if you are doing a topic on minibeasts, you can make a database with lots of insects in.

Homework

None