

Riverside Micro Trail Activity Sheet



Explore the amazing micro world living along the river bank

You will need

- a 50cm length of string, wool or garden twine
- a magnifying glass (optional)



- 1** Pick a place along the river bank and lay your piece of string along the ground.
- 2** If you have a magnifying glass, crouch down and use your magnifying glass to have a closer look at the micro world along the length of your piece of string.

Pick out the different features along your trail - over some stones, through the grass, under a log, round a tree stump.

- 3** Now imagine you are a mini-beast making the journey along the micro trail.

What would the different features look like to a minibeast?

- Would the grass be like a forest, the sand be like a desert, a log look like a mountain, or a small puddle of water look like a vast lake?
- Would a gentle breeze be like a storm, or light raindrops be like torrential rain?
- What would happen if they met another mini-beast along their trail.....?

- 4** Make up a story about the amazing journey of your mini-beast. Why not tell your story to your Mum, Dad or maybe your friends?



Notes for parents:

This activity is a great way of getting children to think about the miniature world living along the river bank. By creating a mini-beast journey, children focus on all things 'small' whilst developing their vocabulary and speaking skills.

Take it further

Take a photo of your micro trail, then use it to help you write down your mini-beast journey when you get home. Why not have a go at drawing a picture of your mini-beast too!