



23. Beauty and the (mini)beast

Requirements: writing materials; optional recording device to actually make podcast

7-11 years: teacher-led or small group discussion, followed by working in pairs or individually (or fully teacher-led for 7-9 years)

12-14 years: teacher-led or small group discussion, followed by working in pairs or individually

Curriculum: Science (living organisms; biology); Art and media (podcast design); English (oracy and written); Citizenship (invertebrate wellbeing); Computing (responsible online use)

Time: 20 minutes

Would you use snail face cream to give you smoother skin? Would you wear a necklace made of snail shells or preserved beetles? Would you get a leech facial to give your skin a youthful glow? These are known beauty treatments using both live and dead minibeasts as products. Minibeasts are also used in medicine – for example marine invertebrates are used in treatments for cancer, heart conditions, and diabetes.

Script your own 2-minute podcast advertising the benefits or any concerns you have about including minibeasts within our beauty routines and health solutions.