



7. Minibeasts and dinosaurs – drawing case study

Requirements: online internet access; writing and drawing materials

7-11 years: teacher-led class review of website article, or individual/ pair review; individual or pair writing/ drawing activity

12-14 years: **self-led** individual/ pair review; individual or pair writing/ drawing activity. Plenary discussion as a class

Curriculum: Science (living organisms; biology; dinosaurs; fossils); Art (comic book drawing); Computing (responsible online use)

Time: 20 minutes

Review this [BBC Newsround article](#) – making notes of key points about the time period, dinosaur-related animal, minibeast, scientific discovery.

Draw a comic book based on the story with 6 boxes:

1. Late Triassic forest (230 million years ago)
2. Beetles living among the plants
3. Silesaurus opolensis hunting for insects in rotting wood
4. Formation of the coprolite
5. Scientists discovering the coprolite
6. 3D-scanning to reveal the beetle remains

Discuss why a fossilized poo can be as useful to scientists as a dinosaur skeleton.