

(2) MiniBeasts Topic Cards

Shown slightly smaller than original—3 fit on an A4 page.

Ladybird, aphid, ant, butterfly, moth, centipede, millipede, earwig, worm, ground beetle, grasshopper, spider daddy lone legs (cranefly) wasp, hoverfly, honey bee, bumble bee, fly, snail, slug, woodlouse

earwig



butterfly



pincers at the end of their hunt. They are nocturnal

A female earwig is a good mother. She lays 20 to 30 eggs and protects them through the winter. When they hatch she feeds and looks after the nymphs until they are able to look after themselves. Most other insects do not look after their young like this.

Butterflies lay tiny eggs in a row upon the underside of leaves. When the caterpillars hatch, they eat their way through the plant until they are big enough to pupate. The pupa is a hard, brown, oval case that protects the caterpillar as it grows into an adult butterfly.

When the caterpillar is ready to pupate, it spins a silken cocoon. The cocoon is a hard, brown, oval case that protects the caterpillar as it grows into an adult butterfly. When it is ready, the cocoon splits open and the adult butterfly emerges and flies away.

