



The Great Bug Hunt 2020 Competition



Run every year by the Association for Science Education in partnership with the Royal Entomological Society, the ever popular Great Bug Hunt competition brings science to life in the outdoors. Due to the closure of schools, they have opened up their competition to all primary school children (and their parents!). Their challenge is simple...take your children into the garden or any outside space and see what bugs you can find. Look and explore a range of places including hedges, flower beds, trees, long grass, logs, stones, rocks and report back what you find!

Make it into a project - if they find a spider or woodlouse, find out all about it. Draw it, examine it (carefully!), what does it eat, where does it live - maybe even write a story or poem about it, design a poster, shoot a video and then email it **by 12th June 2020** to rebecca@ase.org.uk (use mailbigfile free to send large files).

The competition is divided up into four categories: Ages 4-5, 5-7, 7-9 and 9-11.

The prizes will be awarded to the winning child's class.

The winning entry in each category, selected by a panel of experts from both the ASE and Royal Entomological Society (RES), will receive a copy of the fabulous book 'Let's talk about Animals', plus a bundle of bug exploration-related prizes, whilst the overall winner's school can select a day when schools are back in the (hopefully) Autumn term when the team from the RES will join them for a hands-on "Insect Day", bringing along an assortment of insect life that we can guarantee won't be found underneath a log by the school pond. A digital microscope will be awarded to the child too with the best entry!

For more information go onto <http://www.schoolscience.co.uk/bughunt>