

# ACTIVITY TIME

## Busy Little Creatures

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An engaging book full of busy little creatures sure to delight and fascinate both children and adults. A fun way to explore movement, colours, patterns, sizes and numbers whilst supporting your child's learning and encouraging outdoor play and adventure.

### Magnifying glass

#### You will need:

- Magnifying glass template
- Light cardboard (use a cereal box or tissue box)
- Crayons, Scissors & Glue
- Optional clear cellophane or zip lock bag.

#### What to do:

1. Decorate your magnifying glass
2. Cut out template and trace onto cardboard
3. Glue template onto cardboard to strengthen magnifying glass
4. Add optional 'glass' by using clear cellophane or a zip lock bag.
5. Search for your special letter. Choose the first letter of your child's name, a favourite toy or family pet. Look at titles of books, in your pantry or when you are out and about at the shops or walking past street signs.

#### More ideas

Finding ways to have fun with letters, words and sounds are perfect ways to support your child develop language skills during their early years. Help children to recognise their own special letter, the first letter of their name by writing it in sand or in dirt when playing outside. Make playdough and practise rolling and forming the letter. Spot their special letter in this book, how many times can you find it?

**STEM Focus:** It might be overwhelming to think about science, technology, engineering or maths activities for toddlers but it can be simple. This activity introduces investigation through play. Play allows children to build a range of skills that support STEM areas such as, exploring, questioning, problem solving, enquiring and discovering!

#### Songs to sing

*Incy Wincy Spider, The Ants Go Marching and Here is the Beehive.*

#### Key message

Children learn by being engaged and doing.



**Adult supervision is essential. Involve and talk with your child as much as possible.**



**\*You can introduce simple Science Technology, Engineering & Maths (STEM) concepts to children aged 2+ years through every day play.**

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