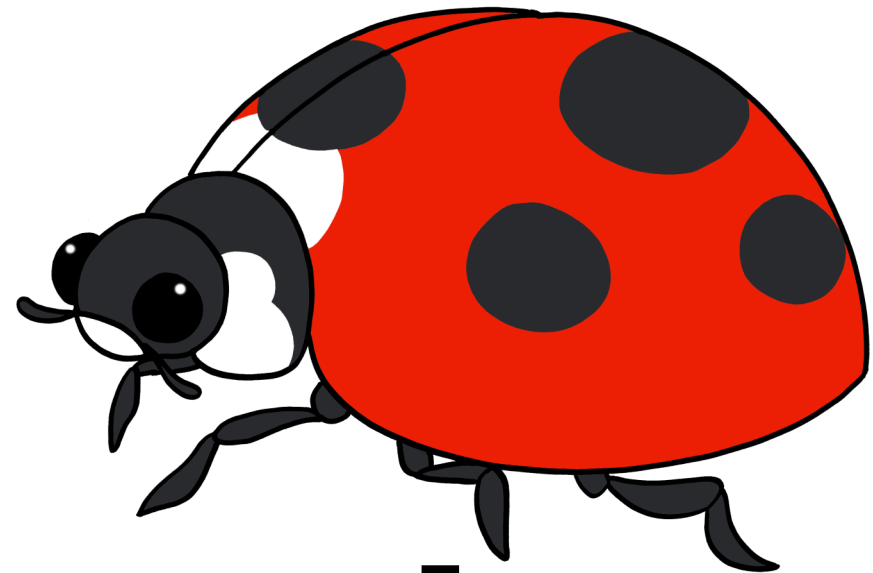
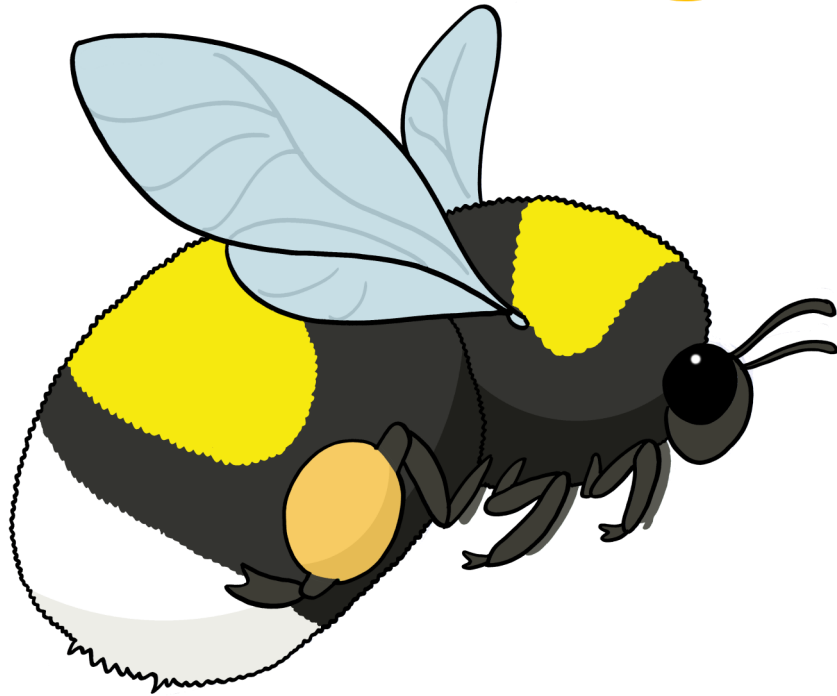
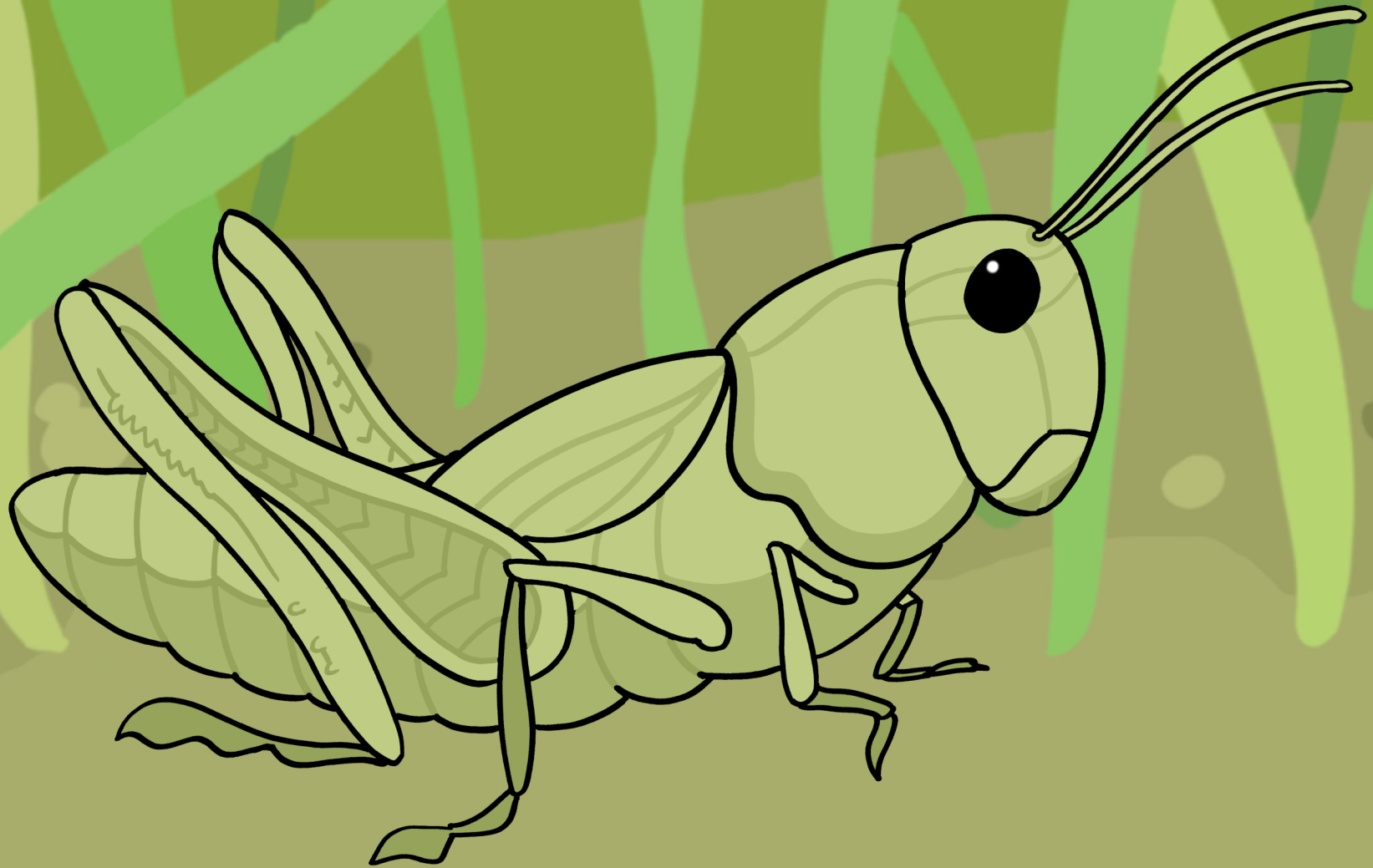


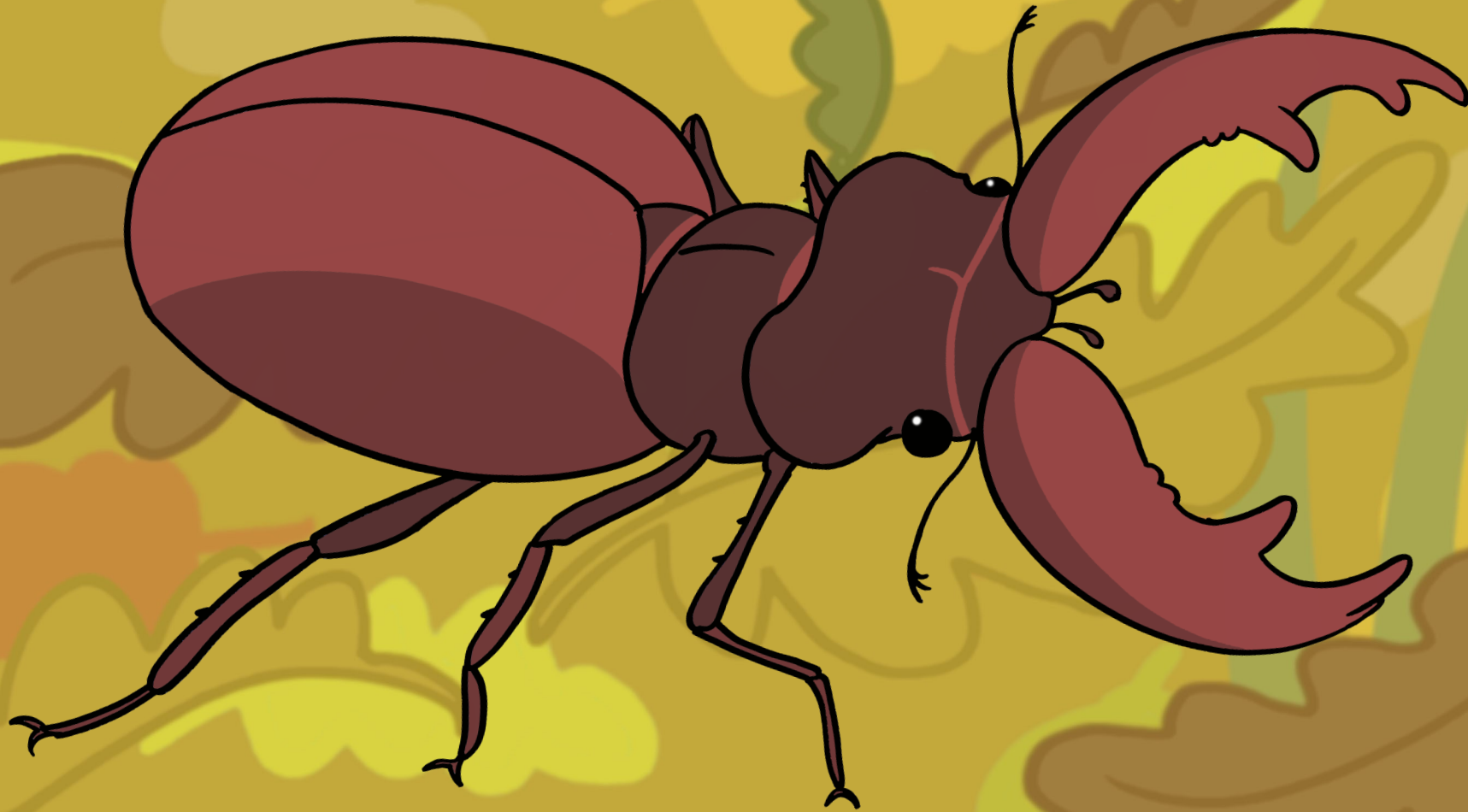
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Minibeasts



Minibeasts (like this grasshopper) come in many shapes and sizes. If you take some time to learn about them, you will see they are actually incredibly interesting and helpful creatures.



Beetles have many roles, from pollinating plants and controlling pests. This stag beetle is important in breaking down natural wastes that are naturally recycled.



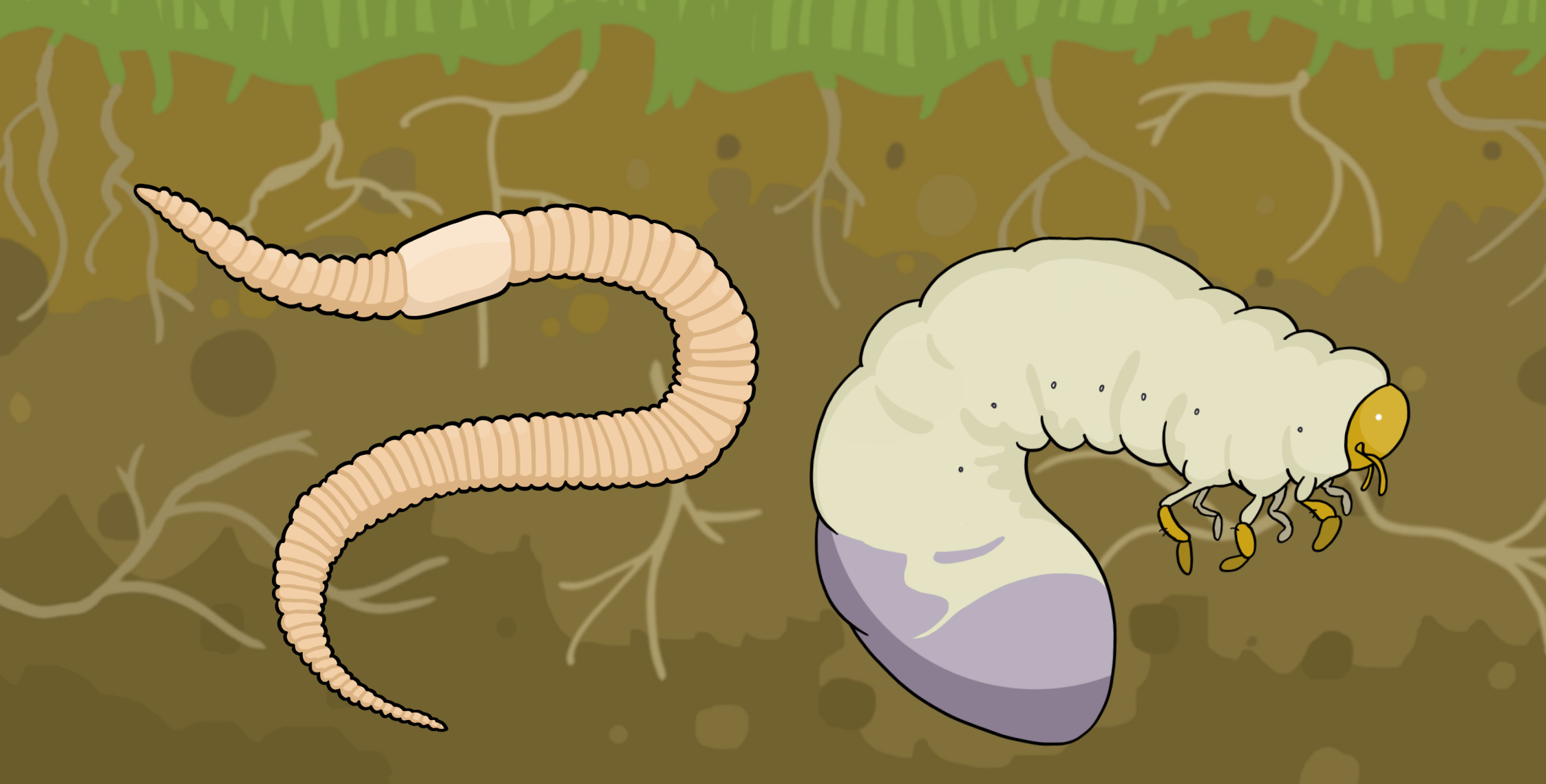
Ladybirds are a type of beetle. There are various species who all share spotty wing cases that can be red, black, yellow and even orange in colour.



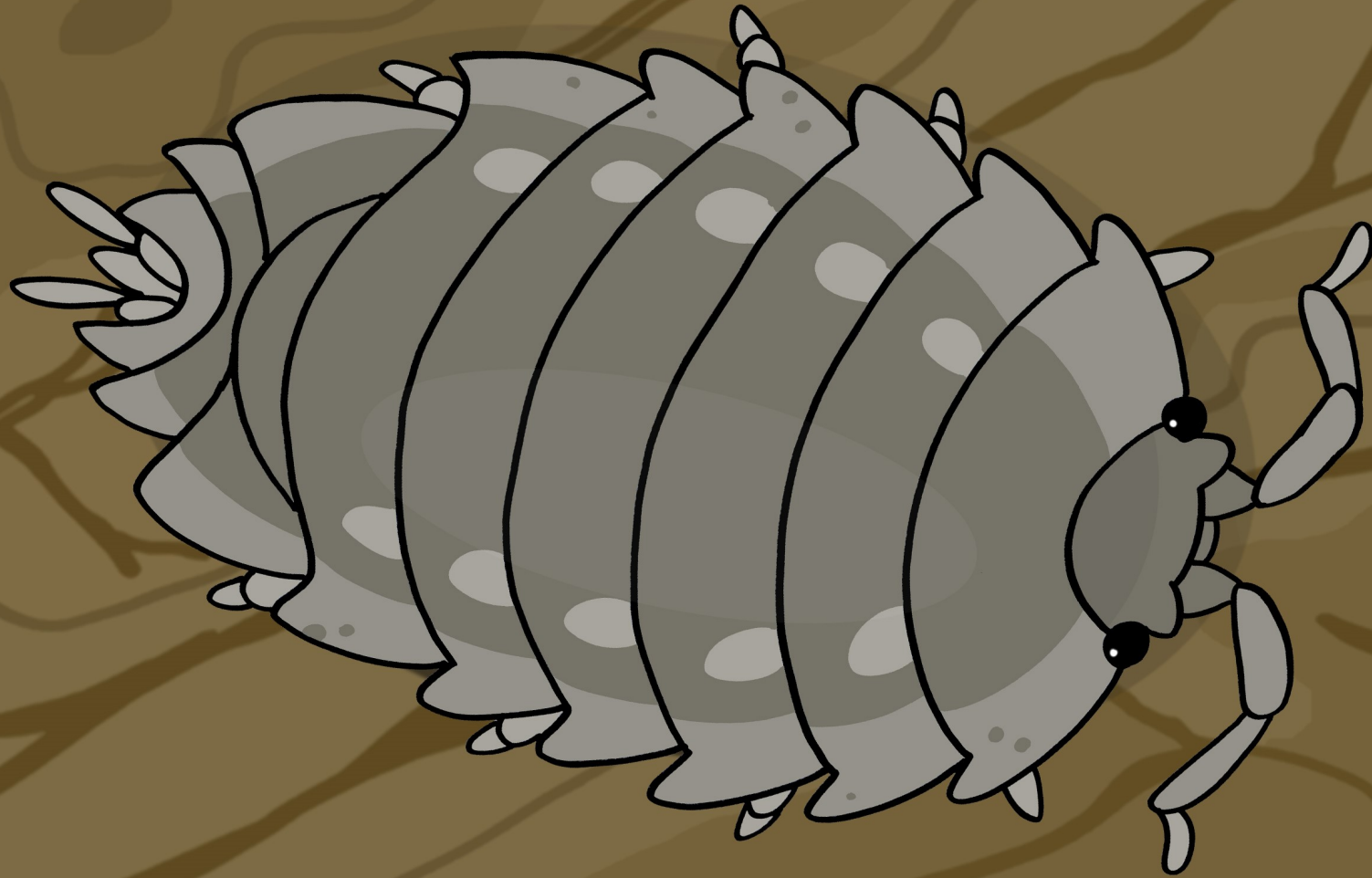
The white-tailed bumblebee moves from flower-to-flower, as it feeds. In doing so, it also moves pollen between flowers, which allows the plants to make fruits and berries.



As ants tunnel, their actions help improve the quality of the surrounding soil. They make scent trails that lead others to food sources. These are broken-up and carried to the nest.



Earthworms help turn dead material (such as old leaves) into useful soil. Grubs of some beetles spend their early lives underground, before changing form and emerging as adults.



Woodlice chomp on rotting plant material, which then allows goodness to be released back into the soil. They like damp, dark spaces and are easily found under old logs.



Wasps protect crops from pests, which would otherwise be out of control. They also take advantage of high energy, fleshy fruits such as apples and plums that may fall in autumn.



With a fearsome, hairy appearance, a pair of sharp fangs and a habit of stalking and pouncing on their prey, wolf spiders are very well named, although they are harmless to us!



Did you enjoy learning about these incredible invertebrates?

What can you remember?

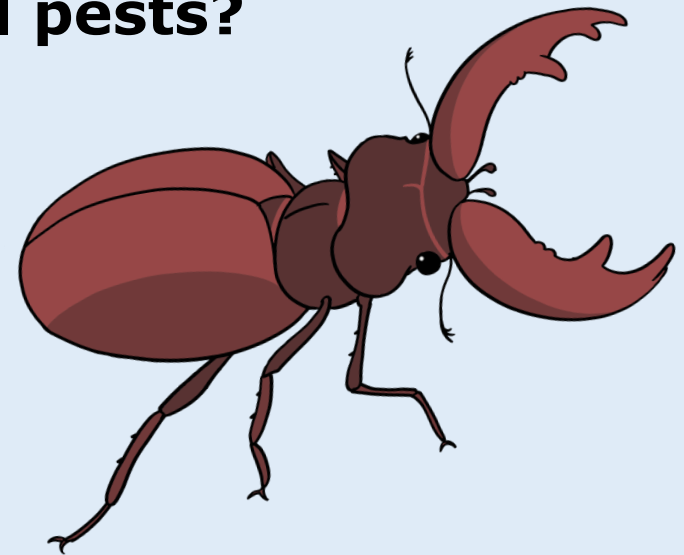
Questions

In this book, there are 3 minibeasts that begin with 'w'. Can you name 2 of them?

How do ants lead others to a food source?

Can you of 2 minibeasts that control pests?

Why do you think some people may be scared of minibeasts?



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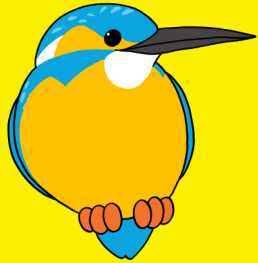
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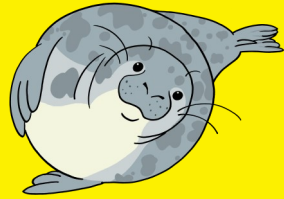
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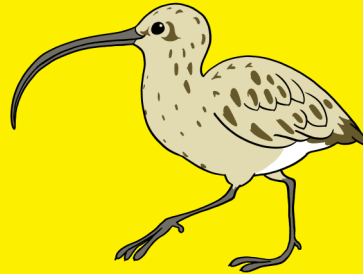
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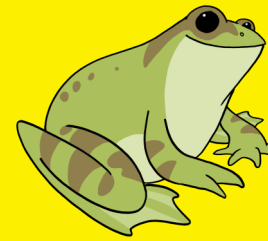
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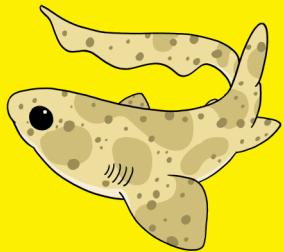
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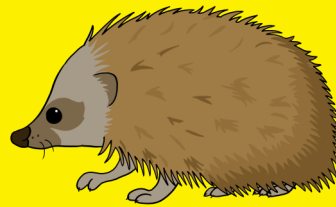
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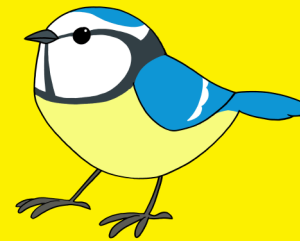
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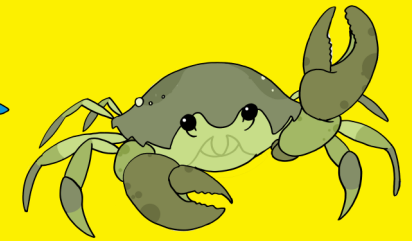
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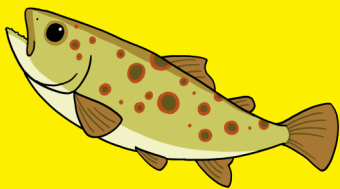
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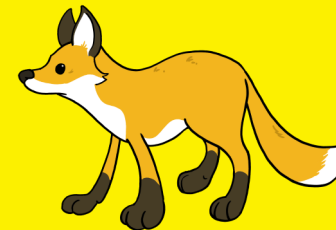
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