

Minibeast Menagerie

Create a classroom collection of clay minibeasts!



Curriculum links: Science, Art, Craft and Design

Suitable for Foundation, Key Stage 1 & 2



Everyone loves working with clay! It's messy, it's stimulating, it brings a topic to life, yet the finished work can last for thousands of years!

Stimulated by photographs and real minibeasts from the Artemis collection, children will study the forms of insects and other small animals and work in small groups to create their own minibeast models.

They will learn clay modelling techniques, learn about the appropriate use of tools and develop skills in accurately reproducing forms in three dimensions. Each child will produce a clay model, which will subsequently be fired and returned to the school.

Sam can work with one class of up to 30 pupils. The class and the day are split into three or four sessions in which each group makes their own models. Each group is given a different choice of minibeasts to make, resulting in a variety of forms by the end of the day.

What will the school need to provide?

- Clay – 2 x 10kg bags per class. YPO 755117 Terracotta Clay. (It's important that you buy this clay and don't substitute for another. Whilst the clay specified is not in the YPO paper catalogue, they do stock it)
- Newspaper – small pile
- Water pots and access to water
- A space to work in, which will not remain pristine.
- Pencils for marking in the clay
- Teacher / teaching assistant support – one or two, depending on group size.

Cost

£285 This includes the cost of one firing which is carried out at another location.

Artist Biography

Sam Paechter has been using clay in primary schools since 1995. During that time he's worked with children to produce thousands of pieces of work, ranging from small models, pots and tiles to large communal pieces like the many clay murals and signs which adorn the walls of schools around Leeds.

HOW TO BOOK

If you would like to book this creative project, please email jane.zanzottera@leeds.gov.uk with the following information:

- Preferred dates
- Year group
- Number of pupils

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