



The 2020 Great Bug Hunt

Run every year since 2005 by the ASE in partnership with the Royal Entomological Society, the ever popular Great Bug Hunt competition was created to take science learning out of the Primary classroom and into the great outdoors. Clearly, because of the restrictions we are now living under, it might mean you, as bug hunters need to get a bit creative - but creativity is what the Great Bug Hunt is all about.

The challenge is pretty simple - get your primary-age children to a safe outside space, equip them with magnifying glasses (you can download an app for that) and notepads, and point them at the nearest hedges, flower beds, trees, long grass, logs, stones, rocks (well, you get the picture)... and let them explore and report back what they find.

Please be sure, however, to follow government advice stay 2 metres away from people not in your household and do not put yourself or others at risk.

Your entries might be a wall poster, a report, a video or even a podcast or poem! My ambition is simply to enthuse you explore the natural world on your doorstep.

The competition is divided up into four categories: Ages 4-5, 5-7, 7-9 and 9-11 The school of the winning pupils in each category, selected by a panel of experts from both the ASE and Royal Entomological Society, will receive a bundle of insect exploration-related prizes, while the overall winner can select a day in the 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.

Your entries will be displayed on the School website and a prize will be given for the best school entry, along with certificates for all those who enter the competition.

To enter, please send your entries to admin@stmaryscatholicprimary.northants.sch.uk

By Friday 5th June to allow time to collate the entries for the National Competition entry.

Good Luck Everyone

Mrs. J. Blincow

For a little inspiration, take a look at some images from last year.

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