



**school
workshops**

**minibeasts
habitats**

rainforests

senses

life cycles

variation

food chains

evolution

classification

adaptation

"Thank you so much for today. All the children, from all year groups, were buzzing! You and the bugs were amazing!!!"

Teacher, Hylton Castle Primary School.



MINIBEAST WORKSHOPS

bugsnstuff was set up by Guy Tansley to give children and adults the chance to have close contact with, and learn more about, some of the unusual creatures of the insect, reptile and amphibian world.

The minibeast workshop is an exciting educational concept which brings lively, entertaining, interactive scientific workshops and presentations of live exotic creatures into the primary and secondary school classroom.

Based in the North East, **bugsnstuff** primarily conducts events in Tyne & Wear, Wearside, Northumberland and County Durham (other areas by arrangement).

Wherever possible, all of the animals used in the workshops are captive bred, ranging from the giant millipedes, praying mantises and tarantula spiders to the beautifully coloured (and very tame!) snakes and lizards.



THE PRESENTATIONS

bugsnstuff offers a variety of workshops to meet National Curriculum Key Stages 1 and 2 teaching programmes, covering many aspects such as evolution, minibeasts, food chains, senses, variation, classification, lifecycles, habitats, and adaptation. During the workshops the children will be allowed to touch some of the animals. Being able to feel the sticky skin of a frog and the exoskeleton of an insect brings them closer to these amazing animals.

The children will discover how the different creatures hear, smell, taste, see, move, grow and feed compared with us. How they use their senses to hunt and the wonders of camouflage are discussed. Covering locomotion, Guy explains the leap of a frog, slither of a snake, swaying of a stick insect and the strike of a praying mantis. You can pick 'n' mix presentations, request shorter or longer sessions or ask Guy to prepare a tailor - made topic to meet your planning requirements. Let **bugsnstuff** bring natural history to life in the children's minds. Emphasis is placed upon stimulating the imagination and encouraging children to think in new and original ways, not only about the vast range of creatures with which they share the planet, but also about themselves and the world around them.

NEW! An in-depth 2 hour Rainforest workshop!
email or call for details.

Nursery, reception & early years: A touchy feely workshop aimed at very young children, whether in nurseries, play-schemes or toddler groups. As its name implies, it's all about exploring the world with your fingers – for you adults that is the forgotten sense but one which children embrace with excitement! Cold, warm, hard, soft, rough, smooth, scaly, silky, slimy, hairy and of course tickly as we introduce your children to a host of fascinating animals – all of which have been chosen for their suitability for working with young children. Have you ever run your fingers down a tortoise's scaly leg or had two hundred tickly legs walk across the palm of your hand? If not you could be in for a treat!

The presentations are aimed at primary school children. It is anticipated that you will want four or five 45 minute to 1 hour workshops during the day, depending on your school timetable.



Guy in Suriname with the
World's largest spider.



THE PRESENTER

Guy has been keeping and breeding exotic insects for over 35 years and brings his enthusiasm and knowledge of the subject to his workshops.

His regularly travels to Asia, South America and Africa to study the habits and habitats of insects and spiders. Having visited these places, he can tell you first hand about the sights and sounds of these magnificent countries and all about the amazing creatures that live there.

Guy has connections with the ZSL (London Zoo), Kirkley Hall Zoological Gardens, The Great North Museum: Hancock and has been an active member of the British Tarantula Society for over 25 years.

"I would have no hesitation in recommending the bugsnstuff workshops. Guy was knowledgeable and passionate about the creatures and ensured that all the children who wanted to had the opportunity to handle them and learn all about their habitats at the same time."

Teachers of Plawsworth Road Infant School.



THE RESOURCE

The workshops have been designed to enable schools to draw upon the skills of an experienced naturalist and to utilise an extensive collection of exciting live creatures from around the World. Most of these animals would be impossible to maintain in a school or local teacher resource centre.

At present the **bugsnstuff** 'staff' includes some of the following: Giant land snails, Hissing cockroaches, Scorpions and Millipedes from Africa, Stick and Leaf insects from Asia, Tarantulas from Mexico, Corn snakes from America, Blue-tongued Skinks, Tree frogs and Bearded dragons from Australia.

The resource also includes thousands of photographs of which many can be used to illustrate a given point during a presentation, utilising IT media such as PowerPoint and Keynote.

With such a rich bank of resources, it is hardly surprising that Guy can make National Curriculum Natural History topics come alive in children's minds in an exciting and imaginative way.

Animal welfare is paramount so all of the animals used have stand-ins to ensure none are over worked and become stressed.

"Thanks again for your brilliant workshops on Tuesday, the children loved it and were talking all afternoon about it! Thanks also for the PowerPoint - I will show that to the children next week when we continue our work on habitats! I will let you know about future bookings as all the teachers were very impressed!"

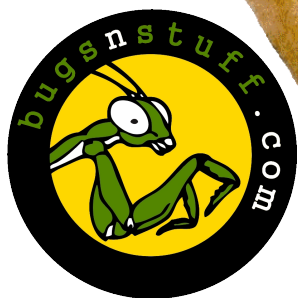
L. Bond (Teacher, Gateshead).



HOW TO BOOK

Current prices and booking information can be found on the **bugsnstuff.com** website along with a risk assessment and downloadable fact files etc. to help teachers prepare worksheets and subsequent follow-up work.

Visit **www.bugsnstuff.com** for more information about the workshops or telephone **07758089017**



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