

Pond Dipping

Rowan Class enjoyed pond dipping in our school wildlife garden. We watched Mrs Tubb demonstrate what to do, and then some children had a go too!

Back in the classroom we used magnifying glasses and the class visualizer to see the creatures clearly and watch how they moved. We used identification charts to identify the different creatures. The children saw newts swimming in the pond but we didn't try to catch them. Mrs Tubb videoed them so we could watch them.

All the children wrote fantastic recounts about the experience.



Pond minibeasts

These animals come in a wide range of sizes but are all shown at the same size here so it's easy for you to see all their features.

No legs					
Phantom midge larva	Water fleas (cyclops and daphnia)	Pond snail	Tadpole	Leech	Bloodworm
6 legs					
Water beetle larva	Backswimmer	Whirligig beetle	Water beetle	Pond skater	Lesser water boatman
4 legs		8 legs		More than 8 legs	
Newt	Water spider	Water mite	Water louse	Freshwater shrimp	The RSPB is a registered charity in England & Wales 2031076. In Scotland SC037654 382 8503 14 15

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