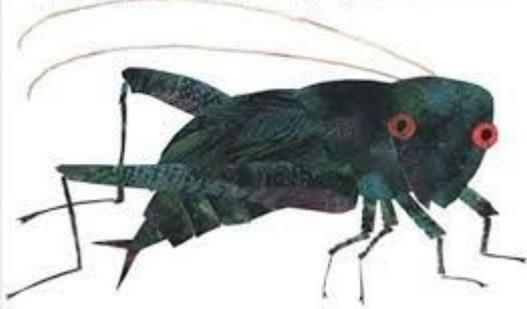


Eric Carle The Very Quiet Cricket



### Find out

The cricket in the story is an insect. Use this online encyclopedia to find out about what makes something an insect and about different sorts of insects.

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/animals-and-nature/insects/>

Watch the story again and as you do, make a list of the different creatures in it. Find out about the different creatures and which ones are insects.

Choose an insect to draw and label the parts of its body. Remember to give it six legs and a head, thorax and abdomen!

### Blackbirds Class - Years One and Two

Our work this fortnight is inspired by Eric Carle's book, 'The Very Quiet Cricket'.

Start by watching the story. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YdiGEjz5b0Q>

### Explore

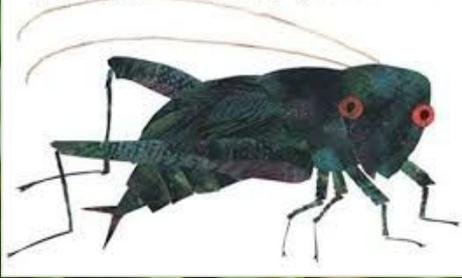
Go on a bug hunt and see what invertebrates you can find. An invertebrate is a creature which does not have a bony skeleton inside its body. <https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/animals-and-nature/invertebrates/>  
There are many different sorts of invertebrates you might find in your garden or out on a walk. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p07d1zw4>  
Make a list of what you find, where you find it and what sort of creature you think it is (an insect, a mollusc, a crustacean etc).

Be a sound hunter. What sort of animal sounds can you hear as you go out and about? Keep a list where you can write down new animal noises that you hear. They could be from big animals such as cows or dogs or tiny creatures such as wasps or mosquitoes. How do you think each animal makes its different sound?

### Present

Use what you have found out to create a book, story or powerpoint presentation. You might want to write a story inspired by 'The Very Quiet Cricket', or you may want to make your own information book. You might want to use pop-up pictures in your book (see the 'Create' project on the next page). You could choose one creature and find out lots about it, or perhaps make a presentation about all different sorts of insects. Remember to make it interesting to read and lovely to look at.

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### Wonder

I wonder... are there some bugs that you like and some that you dislike? Why? Why do you think some people are scared of some bugs? Should they be? Is there any such thing as a good bug or a bad bug? Can you think of any bugs that we think of as helpful? Can you find out about bugs that we think of as dangerous, or a problem? What should we do about those bugs? Why do they exist? What is their place in the world?

### Create

In the USA, there is a beautiful museum called the Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art. Eric Carle made his pictures by creating his own paper and then using it to create collages. Perhaps you could have a go at making a minibeast picture inspired by the art of Eric Carle. You could paint pieces of paper in different shades and then use them for your picture.

There are some lovely ideas for art projects on the museum website. They encourage you to explore art, not just to make a particular thing. Here are two good projects to have a go at:

- Explore light, shadow and reflections in art.

<https://www.carlemuseum.org/blogs/making-art/reflect-refract-reimage>

- Create pop-up pictures, cards or books

<https://www.carlemuseum.org/blogs/making-art/pop-ups-and-paper-construction>

Perhaps you could make a pop-up minibeast!

### Make a Difference

If you have a garden, find out about how you can make it more wildlife-friendly. There are some ideas in this Springwatch clip:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p07bwq11>

Perhaps you could plant some things to attract invertebrates, or choose a section of the garden where you can let wild plants grow (even stinging nettles!). Making a pond is a big job, but here is some information about making a mini-pond:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/for-families/family-wild-challenge/activities/make-a-mini-pond/>

There are lots more ideas of ways to make a difference helping wildlife that you can do when you look out of the window, go in your garden or go out on a walk. Have a look on this page:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/RVN7BFtLDybfqxKbQrcZBB/keep-doing-your-bit-for-wildlife>

### Your Choice

This is your chance to think of what you would like to do in response to the story and the learning this fortnight.