

Amazing Ants

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Topic: Living things

Curriculum link: Science

Text type: Report

Reading level: 17

Word count: 209

Vocabulary: insects, nests, queen ant, worker ants, larvae, bite, sting, poison

Possible literacy focus:

Understanding scientific language: insects, nests, queen ant, worker ants, larvae.

Using the text to make inferences about how ants work together in a community.

Summary:

This book is a report about ants, explaining how they live together in colonies and how they care for their young.

Task card

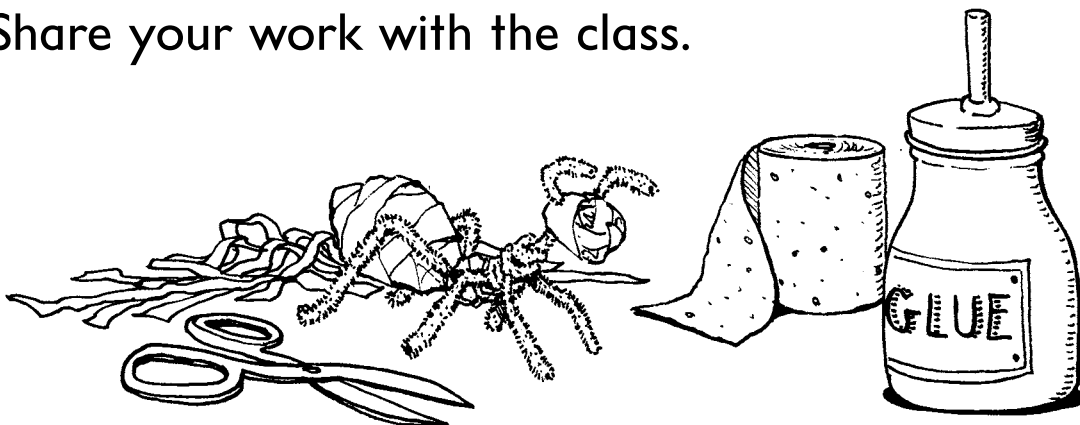
Model of an ant nest

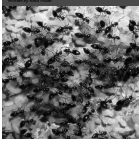
You will need:



cardboard, boxes, newspaper, plastic containers, icypole sticks, sticks, straws, pipe cleaners, material, coloured paper, crepe paper, sand, glue, scissors, sticky tape

1. Work with a partner to make a model of an ant nest.
2. Decide if it is a nest that is:
 - under the ground or in a tree
 - under rocks or in logs.
3. Label the queen ant, worker ants and the nest.
4. Share your work with the class.





Name _____

All about ants

Talk with a friend about these pictures.
Write about what you see.









Name _____

Other insects

Find out about these other animals that build homes and live together in groups. Write about them.

bees

wasps

termites

Instructions Ask children to use books, posters and the Internet to research the animals.