



**Text: Microhabitats: Leaf Litter**

**Year 2 Reading**

**Steppingstone activity**

**Date: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

**Skill: Retrieval**

**Leaf-Litter**

What is it?

There are lots of leaves on the woodland floor. This is called leaf-litter.



How can I explore it?

- Use a paintbrush to hunt in the leaves and brush any creatures into jars.
- Or collect a pile of leaves and put them on large white paper.

What will I find?

You might find beetles, slugs, snails and many more!



Where will you find leaf litter?

1.

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2.

What will you need to take with you to help you look in the leaf litter? **Tick three.**

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|-------------|--------------------------|-------|--------------------------|
| Paintbrush  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Jars  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| White paper | <input type="checkbox"/> | Spade | <input type="checkbox"/> |

3.

Find and copy one word meaning 'gather.'

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What is it?

Have you ever noticed that the floor of a woodland is covered in leaves? In the autumn, the leaves fall off the trees and spend the rest of the year decomposing (rotting) on the ground. These leaves are the perfect home for a wide selection of mini-beasts!



How can I explore it?

- Ask your teacher to take you somewhere you will find lots of leaves.
- Use a paintbrush to hunt gently through the leaves and brush any creatures into jars.
- Or collect a pile of leaves and spread them out on large white paper to see what scurries across the sheet!



What will I find?

You might discover beetles, slugs, snails, centipedes, millipedes, earwigs, caterpillars and many more!



1. What does 'decomposing' mean?

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2. What will you need to take with you to help you look in the leaf litter? Tick three.

Paintbrush	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jars	<input type="checkbox"/>
White paper	<input type="checkbox"/>	Spade	<input type="checkbox"/>

Find and copy one word meaning 'runs.'

3.

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