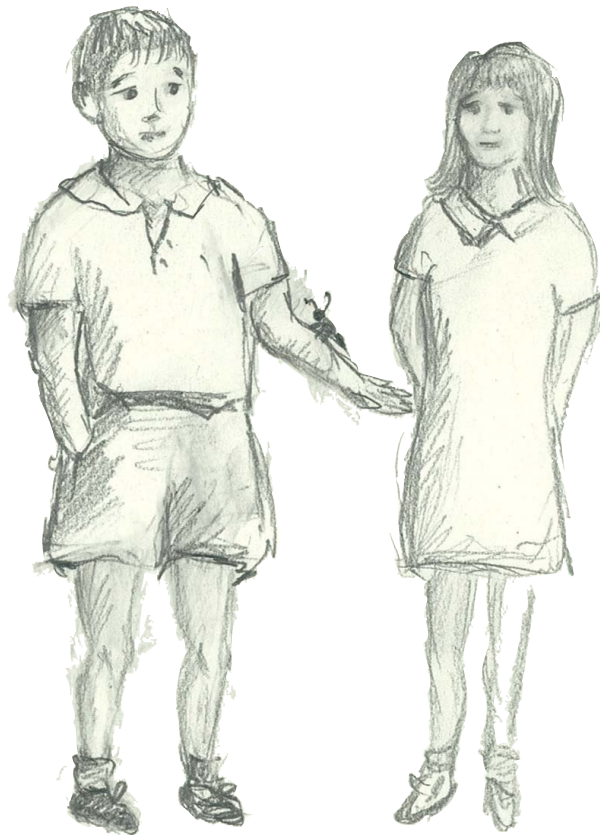


Even more about insects!

So what do you know about insects now?

How do they make you feel?



You can use just a few words, or more if you like.

Draw your favourite!

Can you remember one of the insects you studied today?

Or if you like, make up your own insect!

Some special Perry Wood insects

As you've seen today, insects like plants and places to hide, and Perry Wood is full of them!

Here are some of the special insects you can find there . .

Cinnabar moth



Cinnabar moth caterpillar



Speckled Wood Butterfly



Speckled Wood Caterpillar about to start changing or 'pupating'



Oak leafhopper



Rhododendron leafhopper




Ask your Mum or Dad to take you to Perry Woods soon, and see what you can find. There will be lots of different insects throughout the year.


The Summer Holidays would be a good time because insects like warm weather too!

What you can do to help insects

At school

 You can make sure that the insect-homes are looked after.


 You can ask your teachers to make sure that there is plenty of long grass and logs and stones for shelter.

 You can keep a note of the insects you find throughout the year, so we know they're doing ok!



At home

You can do the same things!

 Ask your Mum or Dad if you can leave some long grass, or sow some wildflower seeds to create a meadow area. This would be great for other wildlife too.

 Get a bug house or two, or put out some piles of logs and stones for shelter.

 Maybe you could dig a pond? Lots of insects need water. You'll probably know that water is great for attracting dragonflies to your garden?

 If possible, leave a few nettles and brambles. There are lots of butterflies and moths that depend on them for food!



In Perry Woods

 Visit as often as you can! Write down, draw or photograph what you see throughout the year.

 Talk with others about insects and other wildlife, you can share what you've seen.

The different types of insects

There are many different 'groups' of insects. Next time you find one, see if you can work out which insect group it belongs to . .

Dragonflies & Damselflies



Common Blue Damselfly

Butterflies & Moths



Red Admiral

Bugs



Green Shield Bug

Earwigs



Common earwig

Beetles



Cockchafer or 'May Bug' (it's a beetle not really a bug!). Ladybirds are beetles too.

Lacewings



Common Green Lacewing

Flies



House Fly

Ants, Wasps and Bees



Ruby tailed wasp. They're not all yellow and black and stripey!



Hey!
I'm not an insect!

(More resources:

<http://www.nationalinsectweek.co.uk/> <http://www.kentbap.org.uk/creatingareasfornature/>

<http://www.kmbrc.org.uk/recording/biologicalrecording/index.php>)