

# Fascinating Facts About Creepy Crawlies

## Ladybirds

- A seven spotted ladybird can eat up to 5000 aphids in a year.
- Ladybirds come in different colours – and some don't even look like ladybirds because they are dull in colour.
- Ladybirds get more spots as they get older.
- Ladybirds do not get bigger as they get older.

## Woodlice

- Woodlice don't wee!
- They eat their own poo...!
- Their blood is blue!
- Baby woodlice are born into a pouch.

## Millipedes

- Millipedes don't have 1000 legs!
- They are not insects, they are arthropods.
- They have a secret weapon: a stink gland that shoots out very smelly and foul-tasting chemicals.
- Millipedes make nests out of their own poo and then lay their eggs in it.

## Spiders

- Not all spiders make webs.
- Spiders are not insects; they are called arachnids.
- There are 40,000 types of spider
- Some spiders are so big that they can kill mice, lizards and birds.

## Dung Beetles

- Dung beetles keep their eggs and larvae inside a ball of dung.
- Baby dung beetles feed on the dung as they develop.
- Dung beetles can carry something fifty times bigger than themselves.
- They come in different sizes. Some are bigger than 4 centimetres!

## Bees

- Bees are the only insects that make food that humans can eat.
- Bees communicate through dance.
- They can fly as fast as a car can go – up to 25km per hour.
- Bees are so important to the whole of nature that we must look after them.

## Stag Beetles

- Stag beetles can fly.
- Some have jaws as long as their bodies.
- Britain's stag beetles can be up to 5cms long.
- Some stag beetles are brightly coloured but most are brown or black.