



## Session Plan – KS1 Habitats

This session plan is for KS1, and includes what you will need for the session, instructions for activities, links to the curriculum, and risk assessments.

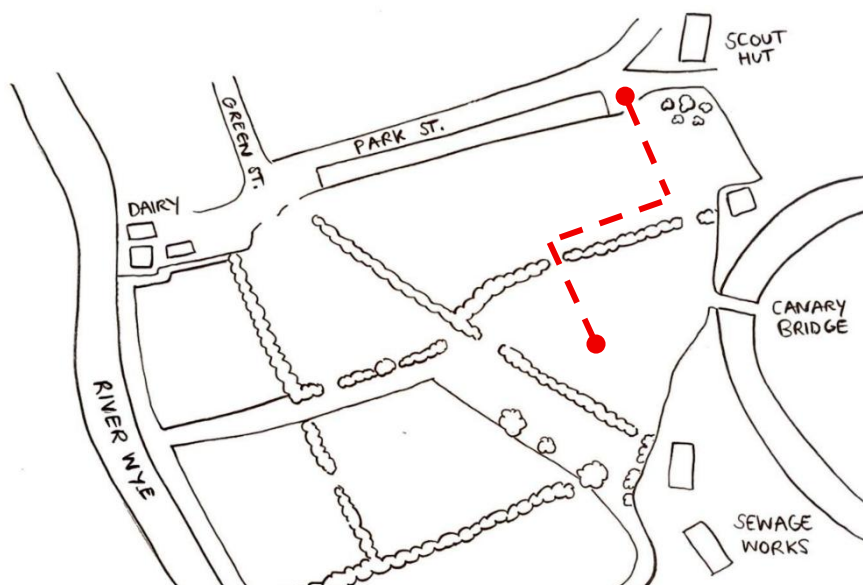
This session is focused on habitats and is ideal for spring, as children will be looking to spot bird's nests, budding trees, and minibeasts.

Each activity is listed alongside an area on Bartonsham Meadows where the activity works well, but the session could be adapted to other green spaces.

### Materials you will need:

- HWT Spring Treasure Hunt sheet (1 per group of 5 children)
- HWT Minibeast Hedgerow Hunting sheet
- Wildlife Watch Minibeast sheets
- HWT Habitat Game pack

### Recommended route:



Activity	Where?	Instructions
Seasonal treasure hunt	During a walk to the centre of the meadows that passes hedgerows.	<p>Split children into groups - each gets a treasure hunt sheet, clipboard and pencil. Groups will tick off what they see along their walk, looking for the clues to what might live on the meadows.</p> <p>Encourage children to think where they might find certain things, e.g., look at the hedgerows for bird's nests, and how the habitats present on the meadows might change throughout the year.</p>
Minibeast hedgerow hunting	Hedgerow	<p>Have two adults hold out a light-coloured sheet close to a hedgerow, with lots of overhanging branches and leaves above it. Then, gently bash and rustle the overhanging hedge to encourage minibeasts to fall onto the sheet.</p> <p>Identify any minibeasts you find using Wildlife Watch sheets, thinking about why they might live in a hedgerow and how they interact with other plants and animals.</p> <p>Afterwards, gently shake out the sheet to release the minibeasts back to their home.</p>
Habitat game	Flat, open space	<p>Have three adults stand far apart in a triangle shape, each holding up one of the three habitats of Bartonsham – meadow, river and woodland.</p> <p>The teacher will stand in the middle and hold up a picture of a plant or animal from the pack, each time the children will run to whichever habitat they think the species belongs in.</p>

**Links to curriculum:**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>
<b>Science</b>	<p>Identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees</p> <p>Identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals</p> <p>Observe changes across the four seasons</p>	<p>Identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other</p> <p>Identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including microhabitats</p>
<b>Geography</b>	<p>Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to: key physical features, including beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation, season and weather</p>	<p>Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to: key physical features, including beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation, season and weather</p>

### Bartonsham Meadows site information:

Site Grid Ref: SO 5171 3904

What3Words: ///trap.noting.stand

Site Postcode: HR1 2QW

Emergency services access point: SO 5209 3929 ///trap.noting.stand

Nearest defibrillator: Corner TA Centre, opposite Volunteer Inn Pub (also Bleed Control Kit), Harold Street, Hereford, HR1 2QU. ///bolts.snacks.arts (Not publicly accessible, Call 01432 273 932)

Nearest A&E: Hereford County Hospital. HR1 2BN ///member.loops.charm

### Risk assessments:

Activity/location	Hazard	Mitigation
General site risks	Overhead power lines	Be aware of these and if working rear overhead lines
	Vehicles on public road at site exits/entrances	Make adults and children aware of danger of moving vehicles when entering or leaving the meadows. Have adults stand on either side of the road when crossing into the meadows at Green Street or Crozen Lane.
	Personal attack	Leave no-one isolated on site.
Seasonal treasure hunt	Dog poo	If possible, check the route before the session and clear any poo off the paths. Be vigilant when walking.

Minibeast hedgerow hunting	Leaves, dust, dirt etc. getting in the children's eyes	Make sure the children are looking down at the sheet, rather than up where you're rustling, to avoid particles getting into their eyes.
Habitat game	Tripping, falling over	Choose a flat, open space. Check the area for holes hidden by grass.