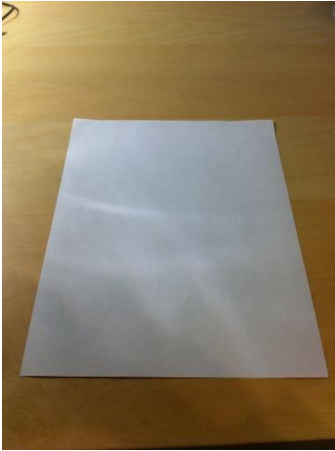


Year 1 Parents

This activity for the children is a great way to introduce our minibeasts topic. The children can explore different types of minibeasts and get creative in making a fortune teller. Your child will probably need assistance in creating the fortune teller as is quite tricky! Please see the picture step by step instructions below.

Activity 1 - Make a fortune teller.

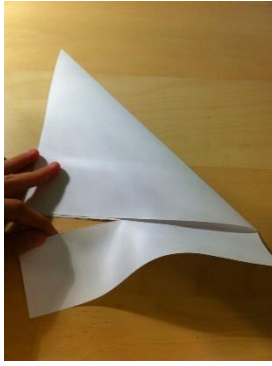
1. Get an A4 piece of paper.



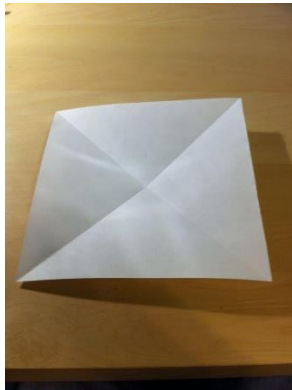
2. Fold one of the top corners until the top edge of the paper is exactly in line with the side opposite of the corner that you started at.



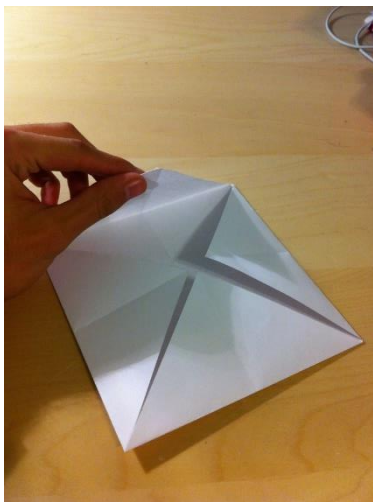
3. Cut the bottom strip off and throw away.



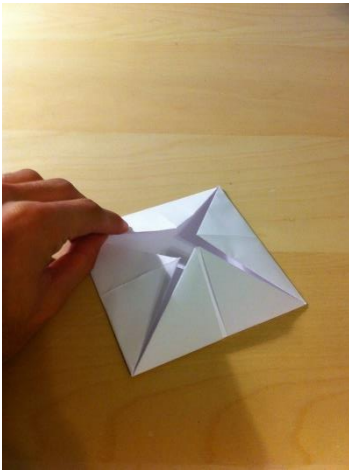
4. Now you should have a perfect square. You can see a fold line going across the square. Create another fold line going across the paper from corner to corner. You should now have 4 identical triangles on the square.



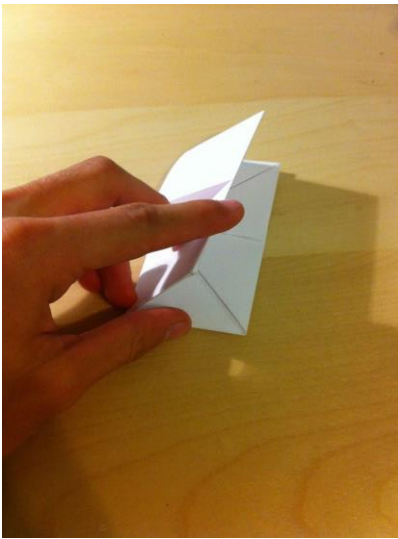
5. Turn the piece of paper over. Take the 4 corners and fold them into the center. The result should look like a small square.



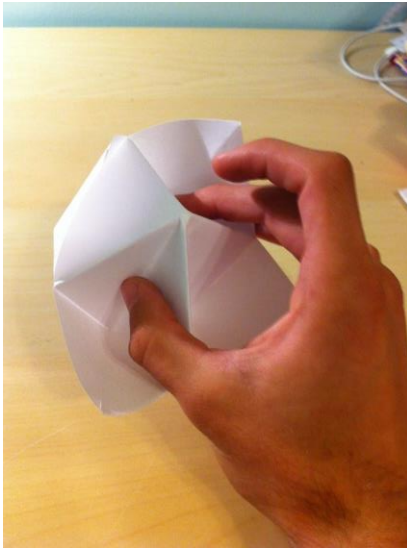
6. Repeat step 6 again. Make sure to turn piece of paper over again. Fold in the corners to the center. You should have an even smaller square.



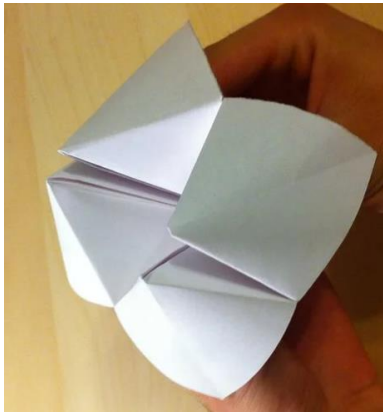
7. Now fold and unfold the square in half both ways. You should see 4 squares.



8. Open up the bottom of the paper fortune teller (underneath the 4 squares are) and push out the flaps. This is where you will put your fingers.



9. Congratulations! You've made your fortune teller! In the next activity I'm going to show you how to decorate your fortune teller.



Activity 2 - Look at the minibeasts!

We are going to decorate the fortune teller with minibeasts! First read through the fact files below and pick 4 of your favourite minibeasts.

Name: spider

Size: 0.015in to 3.5in

Species: 40 000

Food: insects, small animals like millipedes, wood lice, frogs

Fact: Some male spiders give dead flies as a present to females.



Name: ant

Size: 0.23in to 2in

Species: 12 000

Food: seeds, nectar, worms, spiders, small lizards, fruit

Fact: Ants are really strong! They can carry between 10 and 50 times their body weight.



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Name: butterfly

Size: 0.5in to 12in (from wingtip to wingtip)

Species: 18 000

Food: drink nectar

Fact: Butterflies taste with their feet.



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Name: bee

Size: 0.08in to 1.5in

Species: approximately 20 000

Food: honey

Fact: Bees are the only insects that make food that humans can eat.



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Name: dragonfly

Size: 1in to 4in (length)

Species: more than 5 000

Food: flying insects like midges and mosquitoes

Fact: Dragonflies have been around for around 300 million years.



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Name: ladybird

Size: 0.3in to 0.4in

Species: 46

Food: plants, greenfly, other insects

Fact: Ladybird bleed from their knees when they feel threatened.



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Name: grasshopper

Size: 2in to 5in

Species: 11 000

Food: corn, wheat, barley, leaves, other plants

Fact: Grasshoppers' ears are on their bellies.



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Name: wasp

Size: 0.0055in to 2in (length)

Species: 75 000

Food: other insects, fruit, nectar, dead insects

Fact: Wasps live everywhere around the world, except for Antarctica.



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Activity 3 - Decorate your fortune teller.

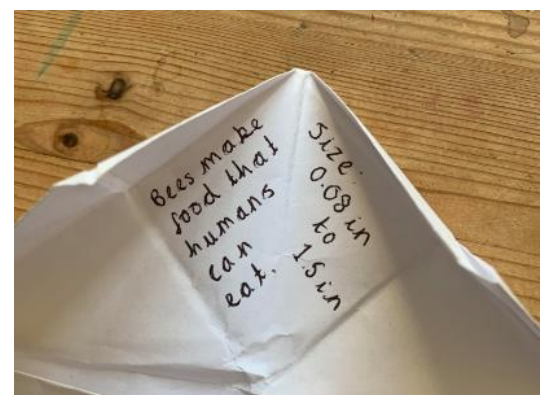
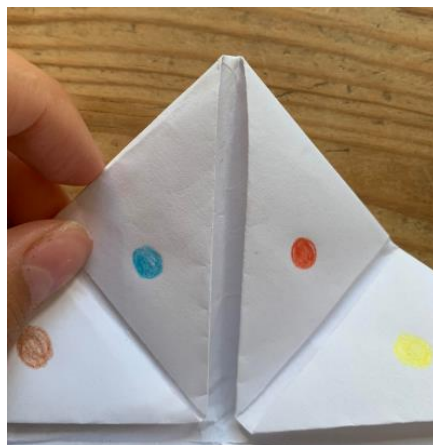
1. Pick your 4 minibeasts and write their name on the 4 squares.



2. Next pick 8 colours and draw them on each small triangle inside the fortune teller.



3. Now you are going to write your facts underneath each minibeast. I have started with bee so I am going to look on the other side and see that the colours blue and red are underneath. My bee facts will be underneath these two colours. Use tiny writing!



4. You can then write all your facts under each minibeast.

