

Reading answers

Monday

- 1) How does a snail protect itself?
It retreats or pulls itself back into its hard shell.
- 2) When are you most likely to see snails?
At night time or on cloudy days
- 3) What does hibernate mean?
It means animals or creatures sleep though the winter.
- 4) Do snails hibernate?
Yes, and they do it by hiding in their shell or burying themselves in the soil.
- 5) What is the snail's short tentacles used for?
They are used to feel its way around and taste.

Extension

Can you name any other creatures or minibeasts that hibernate?

Hedgehogs, bats, dormice, frogs, bears, bumble bees, squirrel etc.....

Tuesday

- 1) Join the parts of the snail on the left to their function on the right. The first one has been completed for you.

Long tentacles		Makes a silver slime to help the snail glide.
Shell		Holds the snail's eyes and used to smell.
Eyes		Used to feel their way around and to taste
Foot		Found on the long tentacles
Short tentacles		Protects the snail's body and stops them from drying out.

- 2) What do snails like to eat?
Plants and fruit
- 3) How do snails move? Which body parts do they use?
They creep on a flat floor which sends ripples to push the snail forward. Also, the foot produces a slime to help the snail glide.

4) What causes a snail to leave a silver trail behind?

The slime produced by the foot.

5) What does nocturnal mean?

Only awake at night time.

Wednesday

1) Where do earthworms live?

They like to live in soil, in trees, bark and under rocks

2) What do earthworms like to eat?

Earthworms like to eat soils, dead leaves and plants.

3) How do earthworms move?

Worms don't have any legs, instead they move by wriggling along. Their bodies are covered with tiny hairs which help them to move

4) How do earthworms stay safe from predators?

They can avoid the predators by staying underneath the surface.

5) Write down one fact you found interesting about earthworms.

Choose any from the text e.g

Worms have no eyes they follow the light instead

Worms can have up to five hearts.

Worms will die if they dry out.

If you cut a worm in half. Half of it would be reborn into a new worm.

Thursday

1) Tick whether the following statements are true or false.

	True	False
There are 3700 different types of worm.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Earthworms help plants to grow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Earthworms breathe through their skin, they have no lungs.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Earthworms have legs.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Earthworms have strong mouth muscles used to eat.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

- 2) What predators do earthworms have?
birds, moles, toads and even foxes! Beetles, centipedes, slugs and flatworms also feed on earthworms.
- 3) What reason might earthworms be above the ground?
If it has rained because the soil becomes too wet for them to breathe.
- 4) How do worms breathe?
Through their skin because they have no lungs.
- 5) Which word in the text also means damp?
Moist

Friday

When completing this piece of work. The pupils should compare a snail and worm. They should think about what is the same and what is different about them using what they have read in the texts over the week. They could compare the body parts of them, where they live and what they like to eat. Below is some example answers they could give but are not the only answers. There are many answers they can give, but this gives you an idea.

Just snails

Both

Just worms

Snails have tentacles. 2 long and 2 short ones

Both can be found in the soil.

Have no eyes

Have a hard protective shell

Hibernate in the winter

Like to eat fruit

Tiny hairs on their body to help them move.

Leave a trail of slime and have one big foot to help them move.

They are both minibeasts.

Dig tunnels deep underground which help flowers collect oxygen to grow.

