

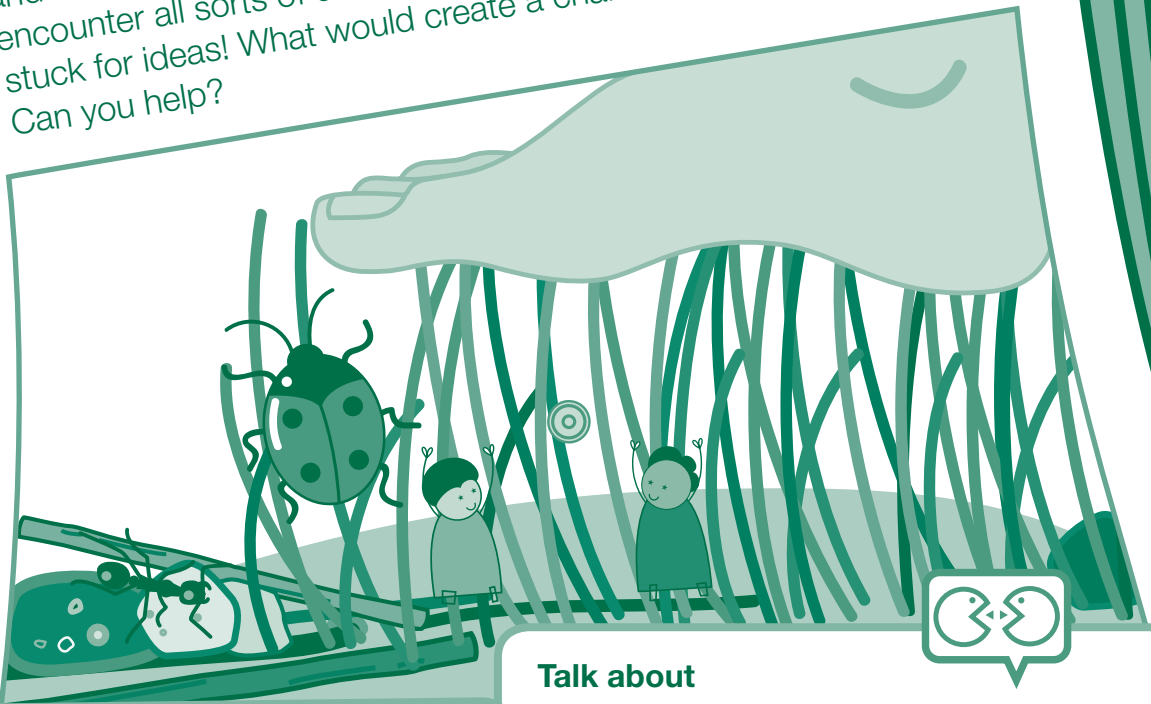


# Under your feet

## Startown ★ News

### Storyteller's tiny dilemma

Good news! Children's writer, Stella Storyteller, is writing her latest book. It's the story of two special children who wake up one morning and find themselves the size of ants. They go on a journey and encounter all sorts of difficulties because of their size. But Stella is stuck for ideas! What would create a challenge for our intrepid duo? Can you help?



#### ★ Your challenge

Find out what's under your feet and create one of the adventures to go in Stella Storyteller's new book.

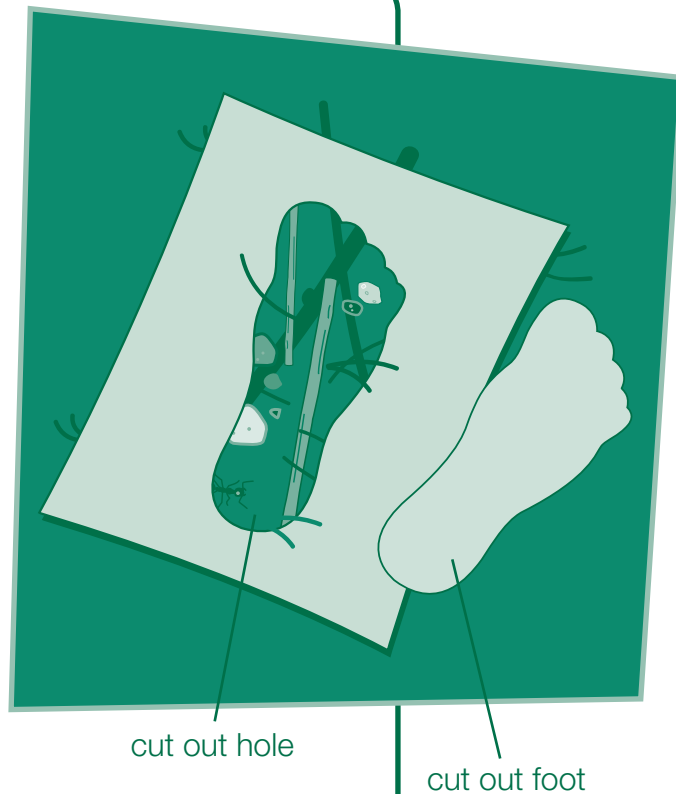
#### Talk about

- ★ What animals, plants and other tiny things might you find if you look closely under your feet?
- ★ What would it be like if you were very small?
- ★ What would you find if you climbed a tree?



## ★ Here are some ideas to get you started

- ★ Cut a big foot shape out of a piece of card. Keep the cut out foot and the hole that's left.
- ★ Place the cut out hole on a patch of ground and look carefully at what you find there.
- ★ Then record what you see by drawing on the cut out foot. Include all the plants and animals and anything else you see such as rocks, twigs and spiders' webs.
- ★ You can place the cut out hole in another place such as a field, a tree trunk or bare soil and record the results on the back of the cut out foot.



## ★ Sharing your ideas

Talk about what you have found. Then share your ideas for one of the adventures to go in Stella Storyteller's book.

## ★ Now go out and find what's under your feet

You are not going to bring any living things indoors, so you need to make sure you record very carefully what you see. Use a magnifier to help you. You could take digital photographs or look things up using identification keys or books.

## Congratulations!

You are now a fantastic underfoot finder. Collect your stickers and get ready for your next challenge.

## ★ Here are some extra challenges

- ★ Think about other places where you could look under your feet. What do you find?
- ★ Will you find different things under your feet each day?
- ★ How can you encourage more living things into your garden or school grounds?