Make a bottle bug catcher

How do you get a bug’s-eye view without them running away? An old drinks bottle makes a brilliant two-in-one bug catcher.

You will need
• A clean, dry 500 ml drinks bottle
• Clingfilm
• Elastic band
• Scissors

Bug viewer

1. Cut off the top third of the bottle and use clingfilm to cover the neck. Hold the clingfilm in place with your elastic band.

2. Go hunting with your new bug viewer.

Bug store

1. Cut four upside-down U shape flaps into the open end of the bottom half of the bottle. Make sure they are cut to about 5 cm from the base.

2. When you drop a bug inside, fold the flaps inwards, one after the other. You now have a lid to your bug store.

3. Don’t forget to release the bugs in the same place, once you’ve finished getting to know them.

Stay safe
Cutting up bottles is tricky so ask an adult to help with this bit.