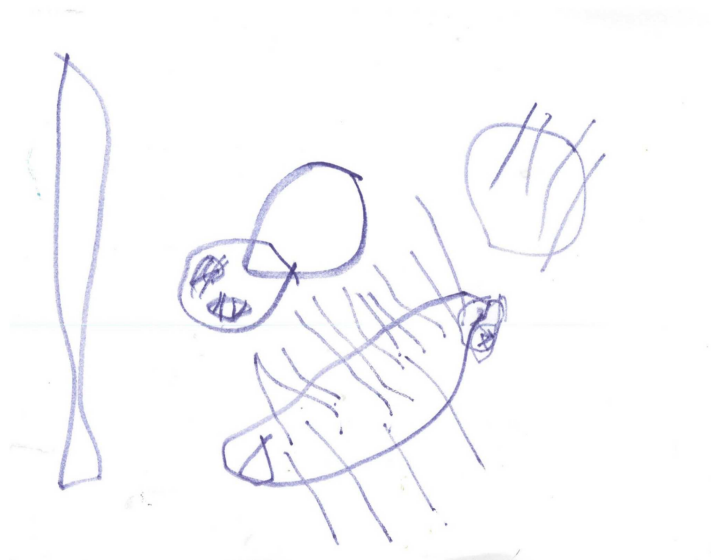


## A Closer Look: Our Digital Microscope at The Nature Table

Two groups of children were invited to use our digital microscope to look closely at the items in our nature collection. Through use of the microscope the children are able to see another view of things that we have collected and spark questions about what they see.



Damian picks a beetle from our findings to look at closely under the microscope. He notices the features of the beetle including its long body and many legs. Damian then draws the beetle from reference.



The leg of a beetle.



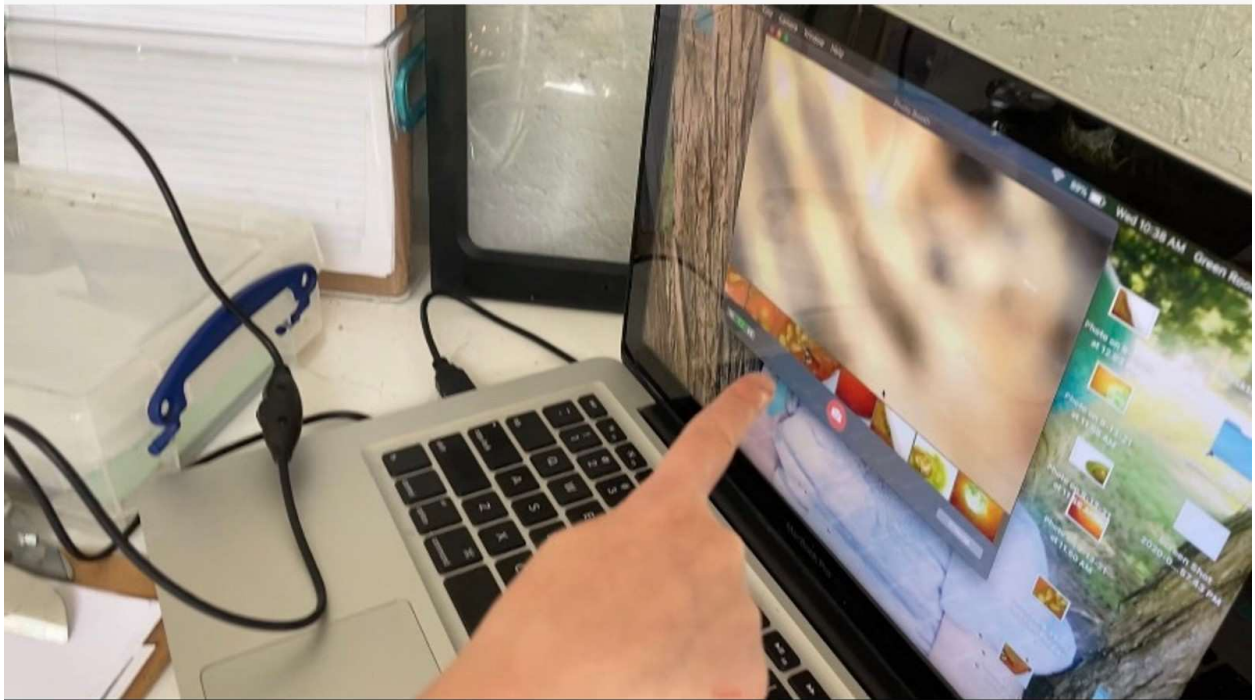
A hole inside of the body of a Cicada.



Camille places a flower directly under the microscope. From there we could see a brightly lit image of the flower. "Is that the inside of it?" Camille asked. From then on, Camille would place the microscope directly on top of the bugs and flowers she wanted to observe. Though a clearer image could be seen when moving the microscope farther back, Camille seemed to associate the closer view as directly inside the specimen.







Along with our insects collection Ada and Kieran closely observed the details of our birds nest. Ada places the microscope into the bird's nest. From there we can see brown and black stripes.

"Look at what we found! That white thing."- Ada

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