



HEDGEHOG WEEK ACTIVITY PACK

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INTRODUCTION

This fun Hedgehog Week Activity Pack has numerous activities to get school children and staff learning about hedgehogs and how you can help them. Below you will find the table of contents. We recommend printing out the PDF and stapling individual sheets together to make a booklet or just keep them as individual sheets it's up to you! Share and tag us in your masterpieces or if you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us!

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Your A-Z of helping hedgehogs

**HEDGEHOG
STREET** 

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A ... is for Autumn orphans and juveniles. Keep an eye out for any small hedgehogs that look underweight. If you find any small hedgehogs get in touch with BHPS for advice on 01584 890 801 or info@britishhedgehogs.org.uk

B ... is for Bonfires which are popular nesting or hiding places for hedgehogs. Make sure you check bonfires before lighting them or relocate them on the day of burning. Why not make a compost heap for hedgehogs to burrow in over winter?

C ... is for Hedgehog Champions, spreading the Hedgehog Street message to their neighbours and local communities. Find out more at www.hedgehogstreet.org

D ... is for Disease and its impact. The Garden Wildlife Health (GWH) project is looking into whether disease is a factor in hedgehog decline and working out what a natural level of disease and parasitism may be. To report any dead or ill hedgehogs visit the GWH website www.gardenwildlifehealth.org

E ... is for Events. If you are running any events in your community, let us know and we can send you some leaflets and resources.

F ... is for supplementary Food. Meat-based cat or dog food, special hedgehog food (or dry cat food), are great for hungry hedgehogs that need to bulk up for winter.

G ... is for Gardens, a great habitat for hedgehogs, especially if you have log piles, wild grass areas or good refuge spots. With over half a million hectares of gardens in Britain they are vital to hedgehog survival.

H ... is for Hibernacula, the nests in which hedgehogs hibernate. They build them in log piles, compost heaps, patches of brush or in a specially built hedgehog house.

I ... is for Insulation. Hedgehogs need to remain at a stable temperature during their hibernation, so providing them with dried leaves or straw will allow them to insulate their winter nests.

J ... is for Joining up gardens. Get your neighbours to put access holes in their wooden fences to allow hedgehogs to freely roam between gardens. Register as a Hedgehog Champion today and get your free guide on how to make a hole. www.hedgehogstreet.org/register

K ... is for two Kilometres, the average distance that a hedgehog roams in a single night.

L ... is for Leaf piles which can provide both important hibernation sites for hedgehogs and nesting material for hedgehog boxes. It's also valuable food for the insects that hedgehogs eat.

M ... is for Mothers. Female hedgehogs have raised their babies and will be trying to regain condition and increase their weight in time for hibernation. Males often enter hibernation before females as they have had more time in late summer and early autumn to 'put on the pounds'.



N ... is for Neighbours. Hedgehogs need more than one garden to forage in so get to know your neighbours and local community and persuade them to make their gardens hedgehog-friendly.

O ... is for Old and decaying wood. Creating a wood pile in your garden will not only provide an important habitat for insects, which hedgehogs can then feed on, but also be a safe, secure sites for nesting or hibernation.

P ... is for Ponds and swimming Pools. Hedgehogs are actually good swimmers, but can drown if not able to get out of a pond or pool. Ensure that the sides of ponds are gently sloped to allow hedgehogs to climb out, or you can use a piece of chicken wire or wood to make a ramp. Similarly, make sure all swimming pools are securely covered before night.

Q ... is for Quiet corner in your garden, in which to place your hedgehog house or log/leaf pile. Do not disturb hibernating hedgehogs as it may cause them to stir and use up valuable energy reserves.

R ... is for the fat Reserves that hedgehogs need to build up before they hibernate. Around 30% of their body weight is fat when they enter hibernation.

S ... is for Strimming with care. Hedgehogs are often hiding in long grass or brush and their natural defence mechanism is to curl into a ball – which sadly isn't much protection against machinery. Check all long grass or vegetation carefully before mowing or strimming.

T ... is for Torpor, the state hedgehogs enter when they hibernate. During hibernation a hedgehog's body temperature drops to match the surroundings. This allows them to save a lot of energy but slows down all other bodily functions making normal activity possible.



U ... is for being Untidy. Leave an area of your garden to go wild – brambles, log piles, leaf piles and long grass or scrub are all perfect places for hedgehogs to make cosy a hibernation nest.

V ... is for Vehicles on roads. Every year thousands of hedgehogs are killed on roads in Britain. Autumn is one of the peak times for road casualties as young hedgehogs disperse, so please drive carefully.

W ... is for a fresh bowl of Water. Hedgehogs can remain active well into November and December and will often move nesting sites during hibernation. A bowl of fresh water will be appreciated by any hog out and about.

X ... is for ToXic Chemicals. Try to not use slug pellets or pesticides in your garden as not only will they reduce the number of insects available for hedgehogs to eat, they might make hedgehogs very ill, or even kill them.

Y ... is for You Tube. Visit our Hedgehog Street channel where you can watch some fantastic videos from other Hedgehog Champions www.youtube.com/hedgehogstreet Or send us your own videos and we will upload the best ones!



Z is for Zzzzzz... sleeping hedgehogs will be warm to the touch, whilst hibernating hedgehogs will be colder. The spines of a hibernating hedgehog will still prickle if touched, but the spines of a dead one will not.



Hedgehog Street is a joint campaign run by People's Trust for Endangered Species and the British Hedgehog Preservation Society. For any enquiries about Hedgehog Street please see www.hedgehogstreet.org or email hedgehogs@ptes.org

HEDGEHOG-FRIENDLY FACTSHEET!

Hedgehogs are vulnerable to extinction in Britain – they've declined by up to 50% since 2000

WORRIED ABOUT A HEDGEHOG?
Contact the British Hedgehog Preservation Society on 01584 890801



Photo: British Hedgehog Preservation Society

Our hedgehog is the West European Hedgehog. The African Pigmy Hedgehog is not native to the UK.

Hedgehogs are nocturnal. Contact the British Hedgehog Preservation Society on 01584890801 if you're worried about a hedgehog out in the day.



Photo: Aleksandra Maddams via Hedgehog Street



Wild areas are crucial for hedgehogs – they need them to feed, breed and nest.



Hedgehogs are lactose-intolerant!
Don't give them milk or cheese.



Hedgehogs can travel up to 2 kilometers per night!
Think like a hedgehog and make sure you provide them with gaps and holes for them to travel through!



In the wild, hedgehogs forage mostly for bugs and grubs.

However, if you want to feed hedgehogs a supplement, feed meaty cat or dog food.



Provide a shallow dish of fresh water for your hedgehogs all year-round.



Hedgehogs usually hibernate in winter, when it's cold and there is less food. Most hedgehogs will move nests at least once in this time. They emerge from hibernation in spring and will be very hungry!



Photo: Jean Nichols via Hedgehog Street

Never pick up a hedgehog (unless it needs your help). Just observe them from a distance!



Photo: British Hedgehog Preservation Society



HOG FRIENDLY

For further information please contact Hog-Friendly on info@hedgehogfriendlycampus.co.uk

Hedgehog hazards – leader's notes

Essential information

Age range: All ages

Group size: 1 class split into smaller groups of up to 4

Time needed: approx.1 hour, follow up sessions no time limit

Curriculum links:

Science: Yr 1 Animals, Yr 2 Living things and their habitats, Animals, Yr 3 Animals, Yr 4 Living things and their habitats. Also links to Art and Design units

Setting: Outdoors and Classroom

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Background to activity

Children will complete a suitability survey of the school grounds/ local area from a hedgehog's point of view. They will then decide how they would improve the area for wildlife.

Materials needed

- ▶ Clipboard, pencil and copy of the Hedgehog Hazards worksheet per group

Running the activity

In supervised groups explore the school grounds or a local green space, and write down any features that could harm or hinder a hedgehog and how dangerous they could be. Illustrations may help. Back in the classroom discuss and draw up the findings, and find a solution for each problem, but don't forget to consider other wild animals and humans.

In future sessions each group should put one of their solutions into action.

Extension activities

- ▶ After all the follow up sessions repeat the survey but note all the positive features, and list what other animals may benefit from the work carried out.
- ▶ Design signs/ posters that could be placed around the area to remind people to be hedgehog friendly. Make it trickier by using only pictures and no words.



Hedgehog Hazard:	Danger rating for hedgehog (between 1 and 5, 1= very slight danger and 5= certain death):	How we can help:	Has action been taken:
<i>Litter on the ground</i>	4	<i>Organise a litter pick, display posters telling people not to drop litter, more bins and bins emptied regularly.</i>	<i>Yes- litter pick took place on 30/09</i>



Quiz time!



QUESTION 1

Hedgehogs can swim.

- a) true
- b) false



QUESTION 2

What is the primary use for a hedgehog's spines?

- a) to spear falling fruit
- b) for warmth
- c) protection from predators
- d) to hold poison

QUESTION 3

Approximately how many spines does an adult hedgehog have?

- a) 500
- b) 1000
- c) 7000
- d) 700000



QUESTION 4

There are hedgehogs native to every continent.

- a) true
- b) false

QUESTION 5

When hedgehogs encounter a new smell, they will lick or chew it and then produce a saliva which they spread all over their bodies. What is this process called?

- a) olfactory cognition
- b) scent marking
- c) self anointing
- d) chucking

QUESTION 6

Which of these should you NOT feed hedgehogs?

- a) dried cat food
- b) cooked chicken
- c) bread



QUESTION 7

The Latin name for the UK's native hedgehog species is 'Erinaceus europaeus'.

- a) true
- b) false

QUESTION 8

During which month do hedgehogs typically go into hibernation?

- a) November
- b) January
- c) August
- d) March





A Prickly Crossword



(Only a hedgehog expert will be able to complete it without Googling!)

Across

3. What is the name of the blue hedgehog character who features in a series of video games by Sega?

4. What is the name given to a baby hedgehog?

5. Hedgehogs are lactose intolerant which means they shouldn't drink what?

6. Which protein, the key structural element in human hair and nails, is also responsible for making hedgehog spines stiff?

7. What is the name given to a group of hedgehogs?

8. What is the name of the natural process where a hedgehog sheds its spines and grows new ones?

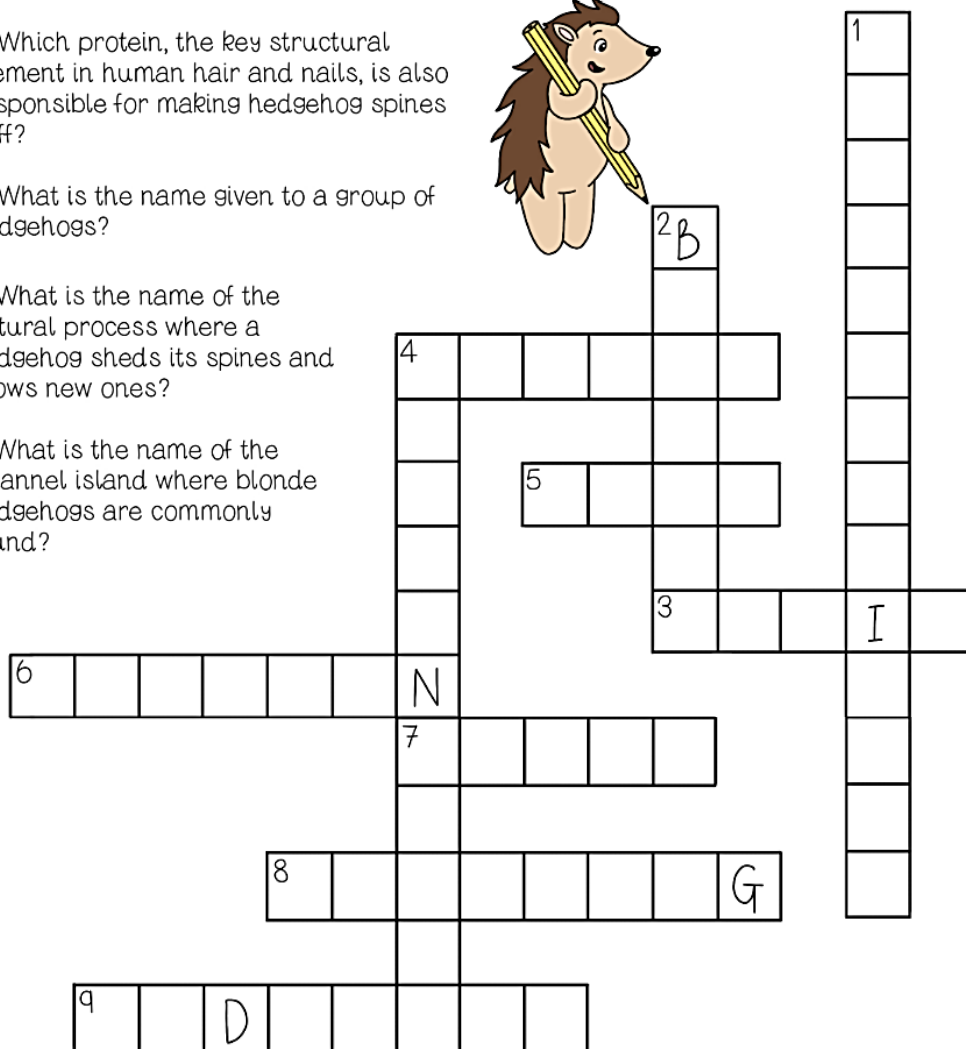
9. What is the name of the Channel island where blonde hedgehogs are commonly found?

Down

1. What is the name of the hedgehog title character of Beatrix Potter's 1905 book?

2. What aspect of a hedgehog's diet is responsible for its poo being shiny?

4. What is it called when a hedgehog sleeps through the winter?



Bug Banquet game – leader's notes

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Essential information

Age range: All ages

Group size: 30 or less
depending on amount of
outdoor space

Time needed: 15 mins

Curriculum links:

Science : Yr 1 Animals,
Yr 2 Living things and their
habitats, Animals,
Yr 3 Animals
Yr 4 Living things and their
habitats, Animals
Yr 5 Living things and their
habitats.

Also links to Mathematics,
Physical Education and Art
and Design units

Setting: Outdoors

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Background to activity

During this fun active game children will learn about hedgehog food chains, competition, habitats and life cycles.

Materials needed

- ▶ 5 double sided bug cards per child, (see bug banquet cards download)
- ▶ Whistle

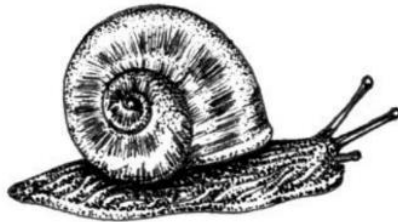
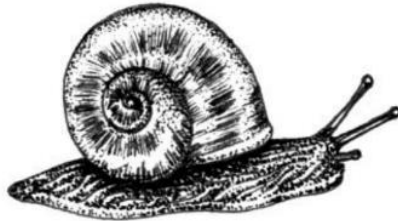
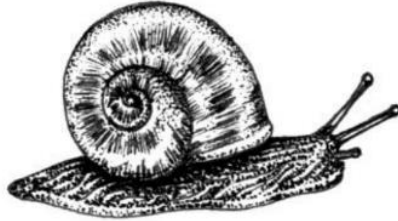
Running the activity

Print (double sided), cut and laminate the required number of bug cards. Find an outdoor space large enough for your group to run around in safely. Ask the children to make a large circle, then scatter the cards evenly on the ground (or even in surrounding plants/bushes) with the bug image facing upwards. Explain to the children they are now hedgehogs and the aim of the game is to collect as many bug cards, their food, as possible to stay alive. On your whistle they will start and finish their 'hunt' for food. Once the hunt is over ask the children to count up their bug cards, as well as what fraction of those that have a poison symbol on the other side. If more than half are poisoned bugs, they die from poisoning too and are out. The remaining hedgehogs play again, but this time put less bug cards out. If the hedgehogs survive 2 rounds they have enough energy to reproduce and can tag a friend back in the game.

Extension activities

- ▶ Back in the classroom draw out a hedgehog food chain, with and without the poison.
- ▶ Design posters to warn gardeners about the dangers of poisons, such as slug pellets and pesticides, to hedgehogs.

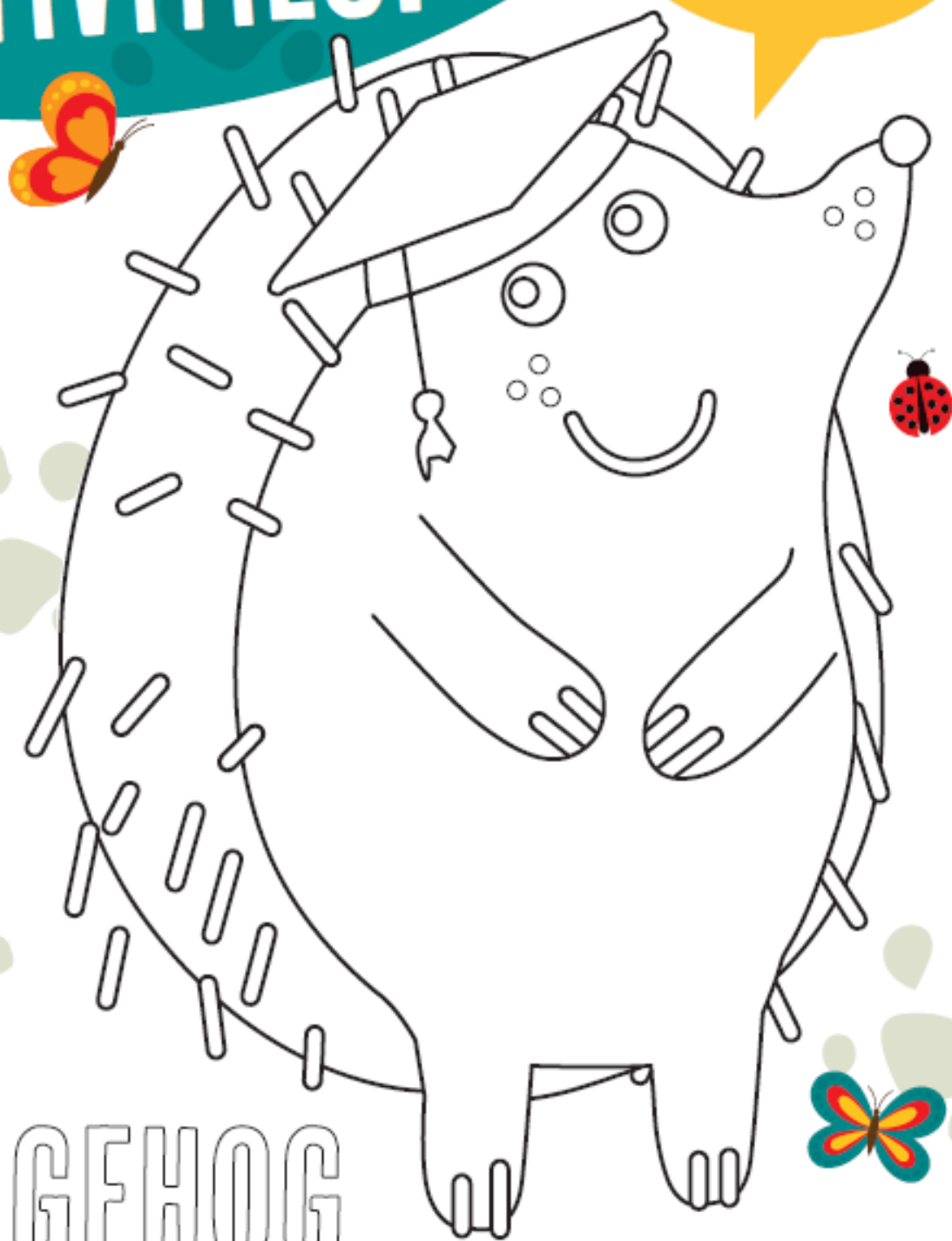






HEDGEHOG-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES!

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HEDGEHOG

GIVE YOUR HEDGEHOG A NAME IN THE BOX BELOW

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HEDGEHOG FACTFILE

-  Hedgehogs are mammals. They give birth to live babies called hoglets.
-  Hedgehogs can swim! But make sure your pond has an escape route.
-  Hedgehogs eat bugs and grubs in the wild.
-  Milk and bread makes hedgehogs poorly. Instead, feed them meaty pet food and fresh water.
-  Hedgehogs nest under hedges, brambles, log piles or in hedgehog houses. They build their nests out of moss, twigs and leaves.
-  Hedgehogs are nocturnal.

Be a hedgehog hero and call The British Hedgehog Preservation Society (01584 890801) or a local rescue centre if you see a hedgehog that you are worried about.

Nocturnal:

An animal that sleeps in the daytime and is active at night.

Extinction:

When the last animal of a species dies out, they become extinct. Once a species becomes extinct, it is gone forever.

HELP THE HEDGEHOG ESCAPE THE MAZE!

Make sure you avoid the cars, litter and bonfires that can all hurt hedgehogs.

A HEDGEHOG PLEDGE

Did you know that hedgehogs are vulnerable to extinction? Make a pledge and promise to help hedgehogs!

I pledge to help hedgehogs by:

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HEDGEHOG WORDSEARCH

Can you find these hedgehog related words in the grid?

Hibernation	Mammal
Hedgehog	Ball
Nocturnal	Nest
Insects	Leaves
Spikes	

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Prickle promises – leader's notes

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Essential information

Age range: All ages

Group size: No max

Time needed: 15 mins

Curriculum links:

Science: Yr 1 Animals,
Yr 2 Living things and their
habitats, Animals,
Yr 3 Animals,
Yr 4 Living things and their
habitats, Animals.
Yr 5&6 Living things and
their habitats

Setting:

Classroom

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Background to activity

During this activity children will have to recall their knowledge of hedgehog habitats, and make a pledge to take action to help them in the local area, as part of a display.

Materials needed

- ▶ Copies of worksheet, with 'prickle' cut out
- ▶ Pencils/pens
- ▶ Display board, blue tack

Running the activity

After learning about hedgehog needs and habitat requirements, ask the children to think of a way they would like to help hedgehogs in their garden/school grounds. For example putting out water for them to drink, creating a log pile for them to hibernate in, removing dangers such as rubbish or slug pellets. Get each child to write their promise on a cut out 'prickle' and stick to the body of a large hedgehog outline (minus prickles) on a display board.

Extension activities

- ▶ As real hedgehogs have over 5,000 prickles, every pupil in the school could make a promise on a giant or multiple hedgehog/s.
- ▶ Tape 'prickle' to a cocktail stick and use a plasticine/foam body for a 3D version.
- ▶ Children could record evidence of carrying out their promise and any following wildlife sightings, via photos, videos or a written diary.



I,, **promise to help hedgehogs by:**

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Essential information

Age range: All ages

Group size: No max, but smaller groups of up to 5 for each session

Time needed: No time limit as on-going project

Curriculum links:

Science: Yr 1 Animals,

Everyday materials,

Seasonal changes,

Yr 2 Living things and their

habitats, Animals, Use of

everyday materials,

Yr 4 Living things and their

habitats,

Yr 5 Living things and their

habitats.

Also links to Design and

Technology and Computing

units

Setting: Classroom and
Outdoors

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Background to activity

During this activity the class will learn about hedgehogs' homes and their requirements, and choose and make a hedgehog home most suitable for the school grounds.

Materials needed

- ▶ Give a hog a home worksheet (taken from our Hedgehog Street site, run in partnership with the British Hedgehog Preservation Society)
- ▶ Various equipment and materials depending on chosen design

Running the activity

After learning about hibernation and hedgehogs' life cycle, use the worksheet to start a discussion as to which Hedgehog House they would like to build.

Visit the forum at www.hedgehogstreet.org to view and get involved in conversations about hedgehog homes. Hedgehog Street is a joint project between People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES) and the British Hedgehog Preservation Society (BHPS). Pupils may need to factor in time, space, money, etc. Once decided follow up sessions should be arranged with smaller groups to build and monitor the chosen hedgehog home.

NB Please do not disturb hibernating or nesting hedgehogs.

Monitoring methods could include cameras, looking for tracks and signs such as poo, eaten food, nesting materials etc.

Extension activities

- ▶ Try a number of different types of hedgehog homes, natural and man-made, and compare activity.
- ▶ Present the project, from planning to conclusions, to the rest



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Hedgehogs make hibernation nests in winter called 'hibernacula' – these can be under hedgerows, fallen logs or in areas of scrub like bramble. They are durable, insulated and help maintain humidity to prevent dehydration for the sleeping hog. They also make simpler day time nests for resting, sleeping, breeding and rearing young in over summer.

Your garden can provide lots of great nesting spots - under your shed, in compost heaps, shrubs, under leaf piles or under logs or spare building materials. But, sometimes hedgehogs need a helping hand. You can buy pre-built hedgehog houses online or

in stores, or have a go at making your own — homemade houses tend to be more popular with our prickly visitors.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8n0x7RDWFFRQ>

Any straw or dry leaves left outside will likely be taken in and used for bedding.

The simple DIY Hedgehog House

Take a spare plastic storage box, planter or milk crate (make sure it has holes) and flip it upside down. Make an entrance that's 13cm x 13cm and provide some bedding like dry leaves or pet straw. You can cover the rest of the box with some plastic sheeting and then cover with leaves/soil/grass cuttings.



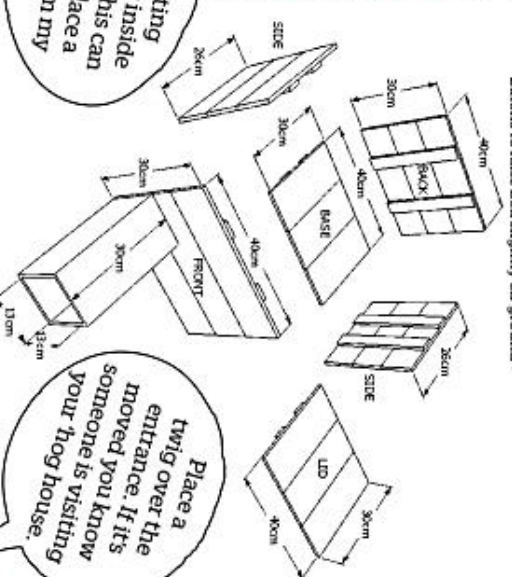
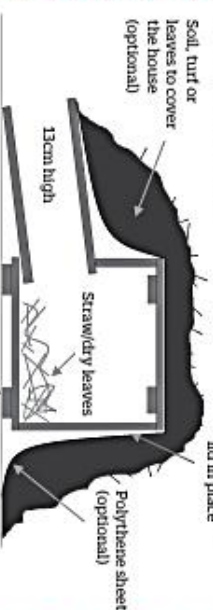
Houses are best placed in sheltered locations, along boundaries, in back gardens and within 5m of the house. The presence of pets or predators doesn't appear to put off a local hedgehog from moving in.

Avoid putting food or water inside the house, as this can disturb me, place a little away from my house.

Place a twig over the entrance. If it's someone you know your 'hog is visiting

The tricky DIY Hedgehog House

Hedgehogs seem to love home-made houses made from untreated wood (ideally durable UK softwood species like larch, Douglas fir and red cedar). Don't nail the roof down (so that you can clean inside) and avoid using paint. Tunnels help stop predators or cats getting into the house and can be made of wood or bricks.

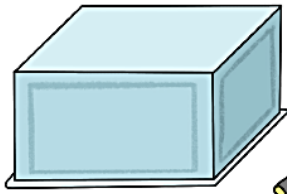




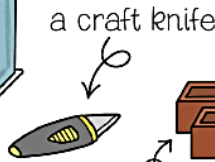
How to make a... Hedgehog Feeding Station



You will need...



a medium-sized plastic storage box



a craft knife

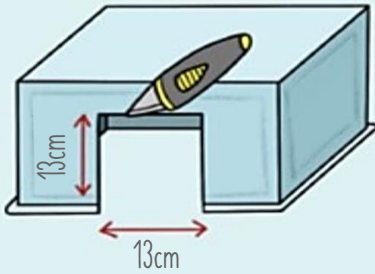


2 bricks

a bowl of water and some hedgehog friendly food (e.g. cat biscuits)

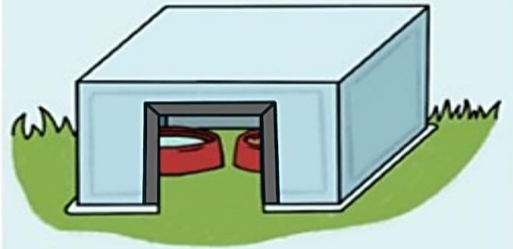


some twigs and leaves



Step 1

Use the craft knife to cut an entrance hole in the box.



Step 2

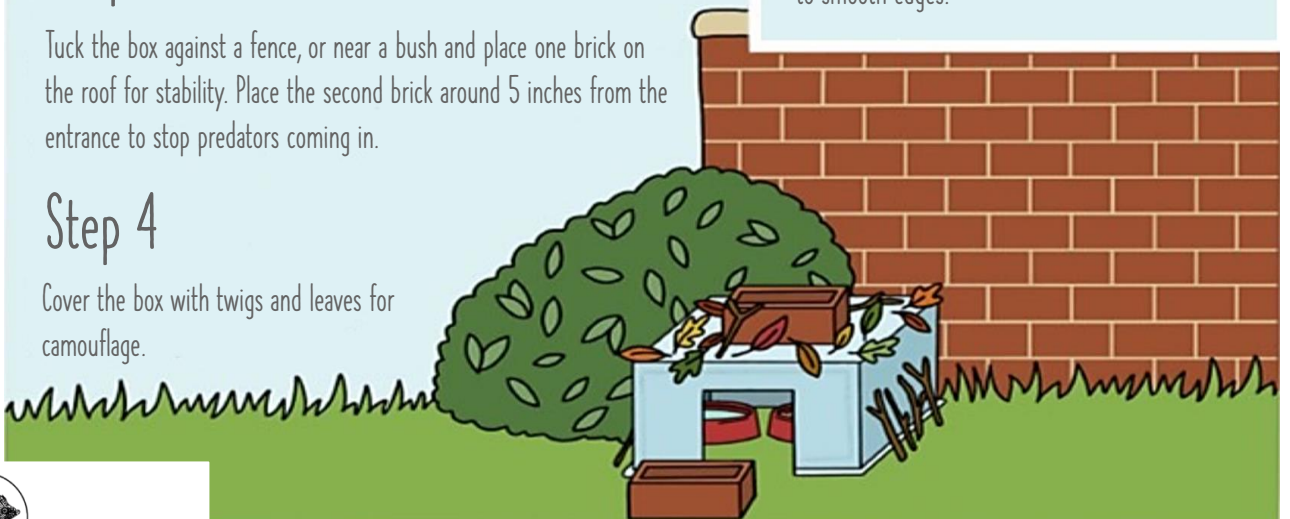
Place the food and water in the box, as far from the entrance as possible and add tape to entrance to smooth edges.

Step 3

Tuck the box against a fence, or near a bush and place one brick on the roof for stability. Place the second brick around 5 inches from the entrance to stop predators coming in.

Step 4

Cover the box with twigs and leaves for camouflage.



Design a hedgehog hibernacular – leader's notes

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Essential information

Age range: 7-11

Group size: No max class size, groups of 3/4

Time needed: approx.1 hour

Curriculum links:

Science : Yr 2 Use of everyday materials.

Yr 3-6 Working Scientifically, Yr 5 Properties and changes of materials.

Also links to Design and Technology

Setting: Classroom

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Background to activity

Children will design, make and test a 'hibernacula' or hibernation nest for an imaginary hedgehog, with the aim of making it as well insulated as possible.

Materials needed

- ▶ Various containers and materials
- ▶ Sticky tape
- ▶ Plastic cup
- ▶ Thermometer
- ▶ Hot water
- ▶ Stopwatch

Running the activity

Some knowledge of hibernation and insulating materials needed prior to the activity. In small groups ask children to design a hedgehog home that will keep a hibernating hedgehog as warm as possible over the winter. They must think about which materials to use, from a selection provided, before making it. Once complete each home will be tested to see how successful it would be. Adult leaders will place a cup of warm water (at the same temperature for each home) with a thermometer in, in the middle of the home. After approx. 10 minutes they should check the temperature and record. Repeat for each group keeping variables the same. The group with the warmest water after this time wins.

Extension activities

- ▶ For higher levels, take readings every 2 minutes for up to 10 minutes and plot the results in a graph.



Hedgehog chocolate cake

Ingredients:

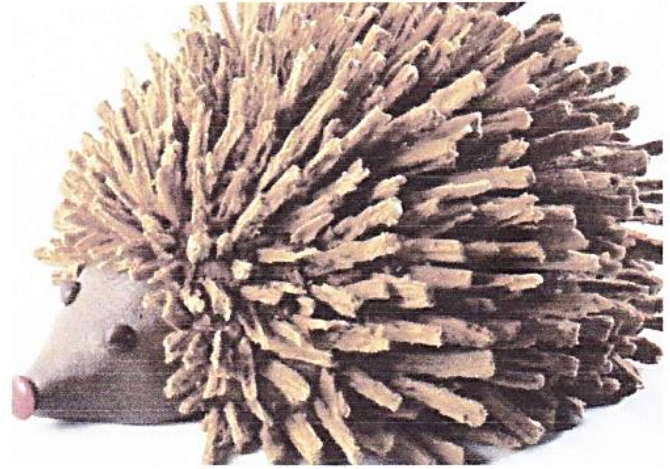
- 2 tbsp cocoa powder
- 175g/6oz butter, softened
- 175g/6oz caster sugar
- 3 medium eggs
- 175g/6oz self raising flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
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Butter Icing:

- 100g/4oz milk chocolate
- 350g/12oz icing sugar
- 2 tbsp cocoa powder
- 175g/6oz butter, softened
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To decorate:

- Cadbury Flake (pictured), could also use chocolate fingers or matchmakers



Serves: 12 Cook Time: 55 mins

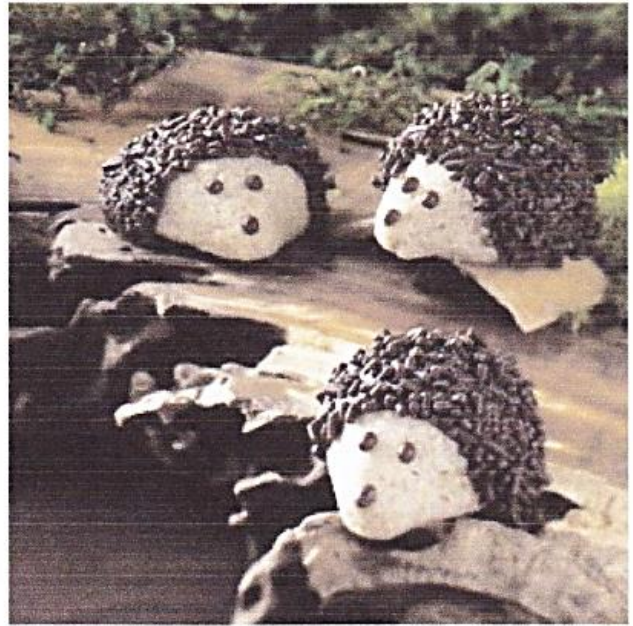
Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 180C/350F/gas mark 4. Lightly grease and line the base of 2.4 litre/4 pint heatproof pudding basin/bowl.
2. Blend the cocoa powder with 4 tablespoons of hot water until smooth.
3. Place the butter, sugar, eggs, flour and baking powder in a large mixing bowl and beat with a wooden spoon or electric mixer until smooth. Add the cocoa powder and beat until well blended.
4. Place the cake mixture into the heatproof pudding bowl. Level the mixture then push a slight dip into the centre. Bake in the middle of the oven for about 55 minutes or until springy to the touch and a skewer inserted into the centre of the cake comes out clean.
5. Allow to cool in the bowl for 5 minutes before turning out onto wire racks to cool completely.
6. Next make the butter icing:
7. Melt the chocolate in a bowl over a pan over gently simmering water. Do not allow the water to touch the bottom of the bowl or allow any water to get in to the chocolate. Allow to cool slightly.
8. Sift the icing sugar and cocoa powder together.
9. Beat the butter until fluffy then gradually mix in the icing sugar mixture. Finally beat in the melted chocolate.
10. Trim the edges of the cake to make it slightly oval. Place it on a plate and use some of the trimmings to form a pointed snout at one end using a little butter icing to stick the pieces in place. Don't worry about the shape too much at this point.
11. Spread the remaining icing all over the cake and using a palette knife spread the icing to shape the face and snout of the hedgehog. Flatten the eye area and use a fork to give texture over the top of the snout and the back of the hedgehog, dragging the fork teeth gently from front to back. Cut the Flakes in half and arrange as the spines of the hedgehog. Use chocolate buttons for the eyes and a cherry for the nose. Takes about 45-55 minutes to cook

Hedgehog Cookies

Ingredients

- 76g *butter, softened*
- 32g *caster sugar*
- 1/2 *teaspoon vanilla extract*
- 85g *cup all-purpose flour*
- 80g *cup ground pecans*
- 1/8 *teaspoon salt*
- 75g *60% cacao bittersweet chocolate baking chips*
- *chocolate sprinkles*
- Prep: 30 min. Bake 15 min./batch + cooling
- 16 Cookies



Directions

- In a small bowl, cream butter and caster sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in vanilla. Combine the flour, pecans and salt; gradually add to creamed mixture and mix well. Shape 1 tablespoon of dough into a ball; pinch the dough to form a face. Repeat. Place 2 in. apart on a greased baking sheet.
- Bake at gas mark 3, 325 °F (170°C) for 12-15 minutes or until lightly browned. Let stand for 5 minutes before removing to a wire rack to cool completely.
- In a microwave, melt chocolate; stir until smooth. Holding a hedgehog cookie by the nose, spoon chocolate over the back (leave the face uncovered). Allow excess to drip off. Place on waxed paper; immediately coat the wet chocolate with sprinkles.
- With a toothpick dipped in chocolate, make two eyes and a dot on the nose. Let stand until set. Store in an airtight container.

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Fruit and Vegetable Hedgehog

Body is 1/2 a honeydew melon; the nose is a carrot - shaped as a hedgehog's nose. Eyes are raisins (Olives would also do)

On the cocktail sticks you can put any fruit -grapes, bananas, apples, pineapple etc or cheese, onions. Leave a little of the stick showing at the end to allow them to be pulled out and also to give the impression of a prickly hedgehog.

The hedgehog is laying on some salad-leaves.

Around him put slices or juliennes (sticks) of carrot, courgette, cucumber and some raisins, sultanas, nuts and other edible healthy foods

FUNDRAISING/ACTIVITY IDEAS

Arts and Crafts sale
Fancy dress party
Egg and spoon race
raffles
Ugly face pulling contest
Ten pin garden bowling
Fashion show
Wheel of fortune
X-marks the spot

Dance-athon
Jumble sale
Hook a duck
Tug of war
Fun run
Mid-summer ball
Art show

Cake sale
Bingo
Guessing games (how many sweets in a jar etc)
Zoo trips/any day out
Yo-Yo contest
Anything sponsored
Garden party

quiz
Karaoke
Disco
Hedgehog's picnic

NOTES:

Street collections, door-to-door collections etc. will require a license from your local authority.

Collections on private property (e.g., pubs, racecourses, superstores) will require the permission of the owner.

The following are not suggested as they harm the environment:

Balloon Race – creates litter that can harm the environment.

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