



WEAR SOME WARM CLOTHES AND WALK, SCOOT OR CYCLE TO A LOCAL GREENSPACE

Hedgehog Facts!

- Hedgehogs are noisy eaters
- Hedgehogs are great for gardens as they love to eat slugs
- Hedgehogs have little tails
- Hedgehogs hibernate in winter
- Hedgehogs are nocturnal
- Hedgehogs travel 1-2km every night
- Hedgehogs roll into a ball when they feel threatened.
- There are approx. 5000-7000 spines on an adult hedgehog

Background –5-10 mins

- Over the last 20 years we have lost a third of the hedgehog population—ask the class “if a third of humans suddenly disappeared do you think we would hear about it?” A big factor in this is loss of habitat, or hedgehog homelessness so today we are going to build some hedgehog hotels.
- Ask pupils what they think has caused the homelessness?
 - humans cutting down their habitats—woodland/hedges
 - humans building busy roads
 - people using pesticides—the pesticides kill all of the things that hedgehogs like to eat
 - increase in their predators—badgers are the big threat but other predators include foxes and occasionally owls, eagles, pinemartens, weasels.

- So what makes a good hedgehog hotel?

Hedgehogs are called hedgehogs as they like to live in hedge-like places with lots of branches and leaves.

Task—Use natural resources to build your hedgehog hotel —30 mins

- Your hedgehog hotel can be as huge or as small as you like BUT you need to make sure it's predator proof, so even if the hotel is enormous the entrance must be smaller than a dvd so that a hedgehog can get in but a badger can't.
- Optional extras: Kitchen complete with some food (beetles, caterpillars, slugs), comfy bedroom, games room, hot tub, music room etc.



Extension

Look at global goal 1 or goal 11 and explore poverty and homelessness in humans <https://ibike.sustrans.org.uk/resources/sustainable-development-goals/>