

# Hedgehogs EYFS

## Session Overview and Learning objectives

An exciting way to learn about one of Ipswich's flagship urban species, hedgehogs. Pupils will investigate hedgehog habitats, learn how to identify hedgehog footprints and droppings, explore their skulls and spines, and learn about hibernation.

### Session Summary

- This session is suitable for one class at a time of up to approximately 30 pupils
- The session lasts up to 60 minutes
- Required ratio – 1 adult:4 pupils

**We provide all equipment.**

### Session Outline

Time	Activity
5 minutes	Welcome, introduction and H&S brief
20 minutes	Explore hedgehog curiosities: droppings, footprints, skull and spines
10 minutes	Hedgehog trail: find the hedgehog footprints
25 minutes	Build a hedgehog nest: learning about leaves and hibernation

### Learning Objectives

All will use their creativity to build a hedgehog nest and learn about the concept of insulation

All will work as a team to create a hedgehog nest

All will investigate the area to find hedgehog footprints

Some will understand when and why hedgehogs hibernate

All will get the opportunity to explore the skeletal structure of a hedgehog, droppings, etc.

### Links to the EYFS Framework:

All areas of learning and development are important and inter-connected. Three areas are particularly important for building a foundation for igniting pupil's curiosity and enthusiasm for learning, forming relationships, and thriving.

We believe this session will support and develop all areas of learning and development within the early years framework:

- communication and language
- physical development
- personal, social and emotional development
- literacy
- mathematics
- understanding the world
- expressive arts and design.