

Essential information

Age range:

All ages

Group size:

As many as staff and facilities will allow for

Time needed:

No time limit

Curriculum links:

Mostly for fun but will fit into numerous units in science, ICT, art and design and design and technology.

Setting:

Mostly classroom

Contact us:

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Christmas activities – leader's notes

Background to activity

During these fun activities children will also learn about stag beetle ecology and habitats. These are simple ideas for you to elaborate on as you wish.

Materials needed

- Various (see descriptions)

Running the activities

- **Stag beetle Yule Logs-** create chocolate logs with a twist! A cooking activity to create an edible log pile and stag beetles or even marshmallow larvae.
- **Stag beetle vs Christmas beetle-** research the life of these 2 beetles online and compare and contrast through presentations, drawings, posters, drama etc.
- **Stag beetle wish list-** write a stag beetle Christmas wish list/letter to Father Christmas requesting all the things that they need to stay alive e.g. shelter, water, air, food. Write lists for other animals if time.
- **Insect Eco Decorations-** creepy crawly themed decorations made from recycled/recyclable materials. See other leader's notes on the PTES website for full instructions.
- **Make a Christmas feast for stag beetles-** go for a winter walk in the local area to collect fallen branches/twigs to make dead wood piles back in the school grounds. Yum! See 'Make a log pile' leader's notes on PTES website.