

## **Make dinner for a hedgehog – leader's notes**

### **Essential information**

#### **Age range:**

All ages

#### **Group size:**

1 class split into smaller groups of up to 4

#### **Time needed:**

20-30 mins

#### **Curriculum links:**

Science Units: 2b Plants and animals in the local environment, 4b Habitats, 5b Life cycles, 6a Interdependence and adaptation, also Numeracy and Design and Technology units

#### **Setting:**

Classroom and Outdoors

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### **Background to activity**

Children will learn about the diet of a hedgehog whilst following a recipe for hedgehog food to put out in the school grounds or at home.

### **Materials needed**

- See list of ingredients on How to Make Dinner for a Hedgehog worksheet (available from [www.wildbirddirect.com](http://www.wildbirddirect.com) or even some pet stores and supermarkets)
- Copies of How to Make Dinner for a Hedgehog worksheet
- Scales
- Spoons
- Mixing bowls
- Food containers or bags
- Copies of the advice letter if necessary

### **Running the activity**

Discuss with the children what a hedgehog eats in the wild, and when hedgehogs may need extra food ie when their natural prey is unavailable. Split the class into small groups to make the recipe as on the worksheet. Each ingredient must be weighed out, or could even be multiplied up to make a larger batch. Wash hands after activity. Once completed each child could take some home in a container or bag, to put out in their garden/local green space. A copy of the advice letter should be taken home by each child. Alternatively use in the school grounds.

### **Extension activities**

- Ask the children to report back on any sightings or signs of the food being eaten.
- Design a fox proof hedgehog feeding station.