

Essential information

Age range:

All ages

Group size:

No max

Time needed:

15 mins

Curriculum links:

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

Setting:

Classroom

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Prickle Promises – leader's notes

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 or a written diary.