

Essential information

Age range:

7-11

Group size:

No max

Time needed:

approx 1 hour

Curriculum links:

Science Units: 4b Habitats, 5b
Life cycles, 6a
Interdependence and
adaptation, also Art and
Design and Technology units

Setting:

Classroom

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Seasons Flick Book – leader's notes

Background to activity

Children will make a short animation using a flick book to demonstrate a year in the life of a hedgehog.

Materials needed

- Several pieces of paper, 10cm by 10cm, per child
- Stapler
- Pencils/colouring pencils

Running the activity

To make the flick book, staple the pages together down one side. On the back page draw a simple hedgehog outline on one side of the page (nose facing the middle of the page rather than outwards). On the page before draw the hedgehog again but a bit further in on the page as though it is walking. Continue on each page before, each time moving the hedgehog across the page. When all the pages have been used flick the book from back to front to see the hedgehog move. Next divide the book in to 4 sections- spring, summer, autumn and winter. Now ask the children to draw in surroundings according to the seasons and a hedgehog's life cycle e.g. followed by hoglets in spring, surrounded by leaves when hibernating in the winter.

Extension activities

- Adapt to other animals and their life cycles, including humans.