

Hedgehogs

Introductory Facts

Watch the one-minute video (in Gaelic), "Còig Criomagan Gràineagan"

Activity 1

Hedgehogs are 5-12 inches (12-30cm) long, with a coat of sharp spines, and will curl into a ball when they feel threatened. The spines are made out of keratin, which also makes hair and nails. Use playdough to form balls, and stick toothpick spines into them.

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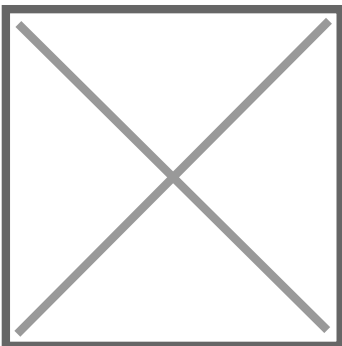
Activity 2

Hedgehogs hibernate, and are nocturnal. Darken a room by turning off the lights and closing the windows, and practice moving around in the dark. Hide wooden eggs around the darkened room to find.

Curriculum areas: S05a, S05b, S07a

Lunch Snack

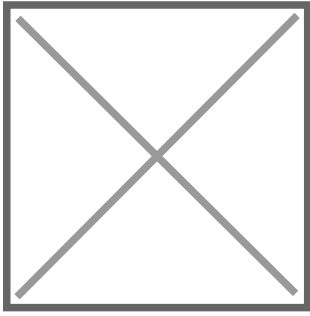
Hedgehogs are carnivores and eat bugs and eggs, but they're lactose intolerant. Make "spider eggs" for lunch using halved hard-boiled eggs, topped with an olive and strips of carrot for the legs. Make sure not to use milk!



Curriculum areas: S13a, S13c

Activity 3

Watch the four-minute video: "Dèan Fhèin E: Gràineag", and then make a paper hedgehog.



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