

# THEME: Sleepy Animals – The Hedgehog

As winter approaches the theme of this Programme centres around hibernating animals – focussing on the hedgehog!

An introductory activity can be used as the Squirrels arrive at the meeting place – colouring or simple puzzles can keep children occupied until all the Drey arrives or use a ‘joining-in’ style game, such as ‘The farmer wants a wife’ or a circle format ball game.

Add snack time where necessary!

TIME (mins)	ACTIVITY	EQUIPMENT
5	Welcome, Register, Opening Ceremony, Introduction to Programme	
10	<b>GAME: Woodland Friends</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Place pictures of woodland animals at 4 corners of the meeting place</i></li> <li>○ <i>Ensure Squirrels can recognise each animal</i></li> <li>○ <i>When an animal is called out the children run to it</i></li> </ul>	A4 pictures of woodland animals – hedgehog, squirrel, badger, rabbit
10	<b>GAME: Worm, Worm, Hedgehog</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>The Drey sits in a circle format</i></li> <li>○ <i>Explain that hedgehogs need to eat lots of worms to get nice and fat for their winter sleep – ‘hibernation’</i></li> <li>○ <i>Choose a child to be the worm and one to be the hedgehog</i></li> <li>○ <i>When ‘worm’ is called this child starts to run clockwise around the outside of the circle back to its former position</i></li> <li>○ <i>On the call of ‘hedgehog’, this child chases the other around the circle trying to catch the ‘worm’!</i></li> </ul>	None
10	<b>CRAFT: Happy Leafy Hedgehog</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Spread newspapers over working area where necessary</i></li> <li>○ <i>Give each Squirrel an A4 outline of hedgehog and glue</i></li> <li>○ <i>Create the hedgehog’s prickly coat using dried leaves</i></li> <li>○ <i>Squirrels write their name on their sheet and the name they have given their hedgehog!!</i></li> </ul>	A4 outline of hedgehog Dried leaves PVA glue, spreaders Art materials Newspaper Babywipes
10	<b>STORY: ‘The Hedgehog’s Balloon’ (Percy the Park Keeper) by Nick Butterworth published by Collins ISBN 978 000664695 2</b>	Story book
10	<b>GAME: Sleeping Hedgehog</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Ensure that Squirrels are not afraid of being covered over</i></li> <li>○ <i>Squirrels scurry about pretending to be hedgehogs</i></li> <li>○ <i>A Leader calls out ‘sleep’ and all the Squirrels lie down on the floor and pretend to sleep!</i></li> <li>○ <i>Cover one Squirrel with the blanket</i></li> <li>○ <i>On the call of ‘springtime’ they wake up and try to guess who’s missing and still asleep!</i></li> <li>○ <i>Continue until all have had a turn under the blanket!</i></li> </ul>	Soft blanket
5	Closing, Home	



# Hedgehog Template

