

Nocturnal Nature (1 night residential)

Programme outline



Year 2



What happens when you go to bed and the night-time hunters emerge?



Go on a trail into the woods following the adventures of Spike, the baby hedgehog, who meets a variety of other nocturnal creatures. Learn all about where they live, how they keep warm and hunt for food.



Find out how to ensure your own small furry mammal survives a cold winter's 'night' - will it still be alive in the 'morning'?



A series of fun games help children to understand how nocturnal animals use their senses to survive. Discover your own 'magic spot' at Folly Farm.



The really fun part begins after supper when we set approved small mammal and moth traps, watch for badgers, listen for owls and detect bats!



In the morning check the traps and watch the badger camera to see what's been happening during the night.



Discover how owls hunt and what the owls at Folly Farm have been eating by dissecting an owl pellet.



We'll get creative in the afternoon by creating our own nocturnal creature and finally revisit our 'magic spot' to finish the day.

Curriculum links

Science: using the local environment to explore and answer questions about animals in their habitat; learning to identify a variety of nocturnal animals and their habitats; understanding the variety of animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores;

Geographical and social: developing knowledge about the UK and the wider world; understanding the needs of living things and our responsibilities towards them.

Staying at Folly Farm

Folly Farm is a sustainable, eco-friendly and inspirational learning centre, situated in the heart of Avon Wildlife Trust's 250-acre nature reserve in the Chew Valley. The high quality facilities are flexible, comfortable and safe. For further information about the facilities, or to arrange a fact-finding visit, contact info@mygreenworld.co.uk.