



Hedgehog Hibernation

Try and get a soft toy hedgehog to illustrate and a small magnifying glass to examine finds.

1. Discuss how, if the hedgehog is going to sleep for a long time, he will need to eat plenty of food to keep alive
2. Do the children know what kinds of things hedgehogs eat? Slugs are their favourite but they'll also eat woodlice, worms and other grubs
3. The children can help the hedgehog by finding at least 10 pieces of food for him. Where will they look for food? Explain also how to use the magnifying glasses to examine finds.
4. The children then go hunting. They don't need to gather what they find – just count it!

On regrouping, add up the finds to see if the children found enough to keep their hedgehog alive over the winter.