

ANIMAL HOMES

One evening while James was in the garden, he happened to notice there was a hole in the side of the giant peach...

"It was quite a large hole, the sort of thing an animal about the size of a fox might live in".




Animal home log

Where did you find it? _____

Size of home: _____

Animal that lives there: _____

Draw the shape of your animal's home: 



Try this!

Look for homes in the forest

Can you spot any holes that animals or creatures might live in? What size is it?
Can you guess who might live there?

Here are some examples of animal homes you might see:

Tick them off as you find them

Woodpecker hole



Badger set



Mouse hole



Insect hole



Bursting with life

In the UK, a single oak tree can provide a home, known as a habitat, for over 250 different insects.

Try this!

Critter spotting

Find an oak tree and see how many different animals you can spot living on it.

Have a competition with someone in your group to see who can spot the most. Look in the crevices of the bark as well as the leaf litter on the forest floor.



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MAKE A BUG HOTEL



Creatures love to live in sheltered places with dead wood, bark, sticks and leaves.

Collect some natural materials to make a bug hotel at home.

Here's how to make a bug hotel...



1. Tie some cardboard tubes together with string.
2. Place them in a sheltered area in your garden.
3. Put an egg box on top with a cut out on the side so insects can get in. Put some dried leaves inside.
4. Wrap twigs in leaves, then place them in the cardboard tubes along with all the other items you have collected.

What you need

- ☐ Cardboard tubes
- ☐ An egg box
- ☐ Natural string
- ☐ Twigs and sticks
- ☐ Moss
- ☐ Bark
- ☐ Leaves
- ☐ Pine cones
- ☐ Stones

Check your bug hotel after a few days to see if any creatures are living in it.

GLOW-WORM

Glow-worm used her glowing tail to light up the inside of the peach, so that all its inhabitants could see in the dark...

In the forest, many animals use the moonlight to help them see at night.

Try this!

Twilight adventure

Visit the forest just before dark to see many animals at their most active.

If you stay still and listen carefully, can you hear any animals rustling around in the undergrowth or see them flying overhead?

Nocturnal animals

Forest animals that are more active at night are described as being nocturnal.

Unscramble the letters to uncover some nocturnal forest animals.

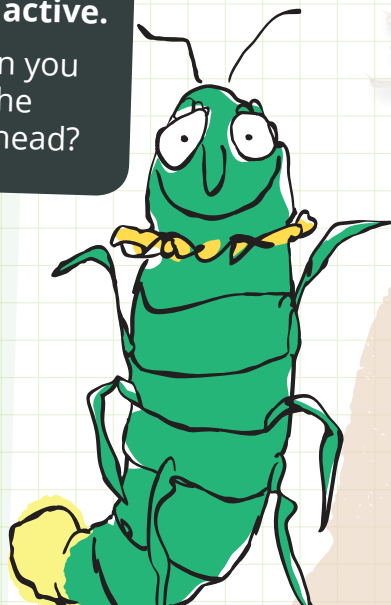
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BUGFILE

Common name: Glow worm

Scientific name: Lampyris noctiluca

Group: Insect

Size: 2cm to 5cm

Prey (its food): Snails and slugs

Predators: Spiders, birds and reptiles

Bizarre fact: Glow worms may have been used by early humans to provide light in their huts!



Night-time animal log

What animal did you spot?

Where did you find it?

What time was it?

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