

# Spike's Object Activity

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## Theme; Wildlife

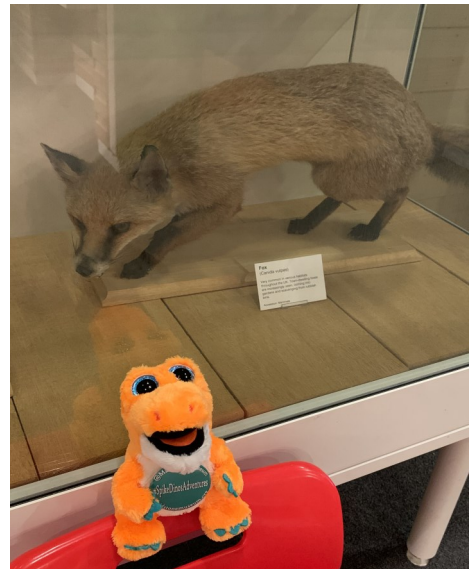


### Night-time Nature; Bats, foxes and hedgehogs.

Spike often hears wildlife out and about at night time. He knows we have specimens in the Museum's collection of several of these nocturnal creatures. Nocturnal means active at night. Nocturnal animals includes bats, owls, foxes, badgers and hedgehogs. Spike has tried to take some pictures of these creatures in the gallery but they are really hard to photograph because they are in glass cases. He has also tried to photograph living animals at night time, but that is even trickier. The bats flew around the garden and houses nearby as well as over his head. There have been a couple of hedgehogs in the garden but he hasn't seen any foxes. He could hear the owls in the nearby woodland.

Have you seen any of these creatures in your garden?

We learned about hedgehogs a few weeks ago (and made our own hedgehogs). Here's a few interesting facts about bats and foxes.



#### Bats;

- 1) Bats are flying mammals.
- 2) While others can glide, bats are the only mammals capable of continued flight.
- 3) There are over 1000 different bat species.
- 4) Bats are nocturnal (active at night).
- 5) Bats 'see' in the dark using a special skill called echolocation.

#### Foxes;

- 1) A group of foxes is called a skulk or leash
- 2) Foxes have whiskers on their legs and face, which help them to navigate
- 3) A male is called a 'dog fox' while a female is called a 'vixen'
- 4) Foxes dig underground dens where they take care of their kits (babies) and hide from predators
- 5) Foxes stink, their funny 'musky' smell comes from scent glands at the base of their tail

**Activity;** make an origami bat. You can make them any colour you like. You'll need a square of paper to begin with.

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# Spike's Origami Bat



Start with a square of coloured paper. Follow the picture directions below to make your own bat.

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