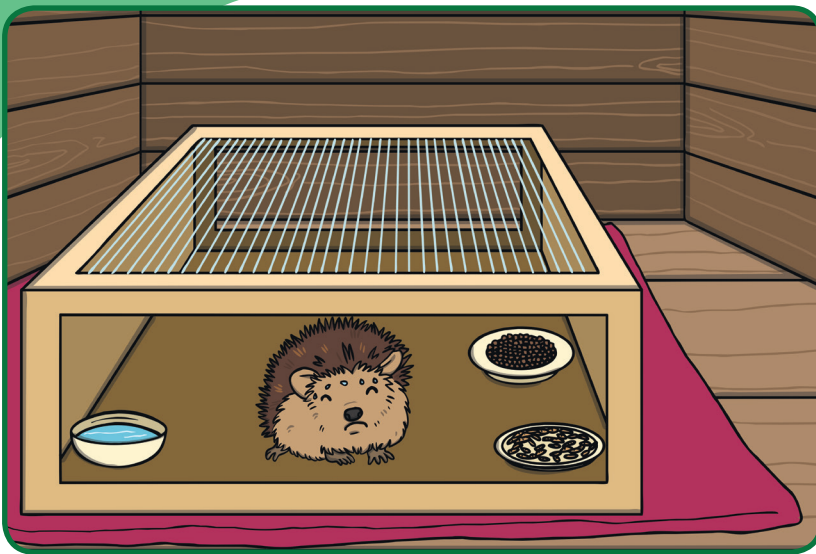


# Reading Booklet

2019

Key Stage 1 English Reading



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# Martha's Hedgehog Diary

## Useful Words

tally chart

mealworms

sign

recovery

# Martha's Hedgehog Diary

## Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Today, Dad dropped me off at Grandpa's house for a week. I am really excited because Grandpa is a lot of fun. He loves animals, just like me. Tomorrow, we are going to make a list of all the birds we can see in his garden.

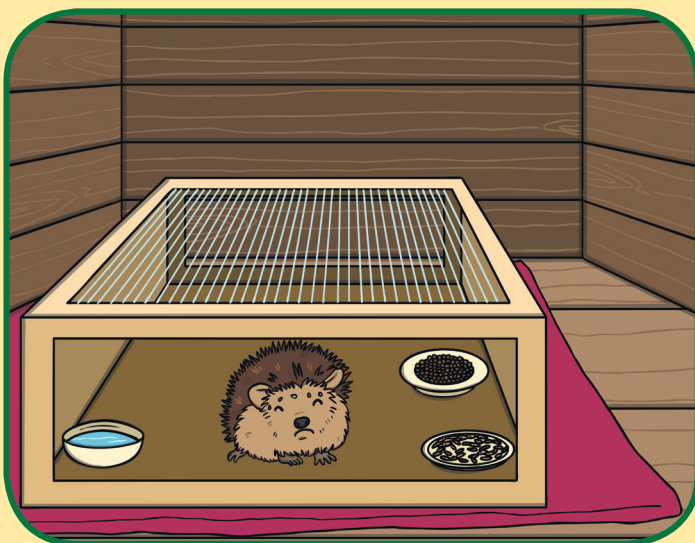


## Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June

This morning, we filled up the bird feeders and topped up the water in the bird bath. Grandpa says this is important as it has been so hot lately and all the animals are thirsty. Then, I made a tally chart of all the birds we saw. I saw 18 sparrows, seven blackbirds, three robins and one little wren. They loved Grandpa's bird bath.

## Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June

Something amazing happened today... I saw a hedgehog! It was crawling along the grass towards the bird bath. Grandpa brought it inside. He says it's not normal to see hedgehogs during the day so he thinks this one might be poorly. He gave it some water and fed it some mealworms. The worms stank but it ate them all up!



Grandpa found an old rabbit hutch and put it in the shed. We put the hedgehog inside it with lots of fresh water and some dog food. I hope it is feeling better tomorrow.

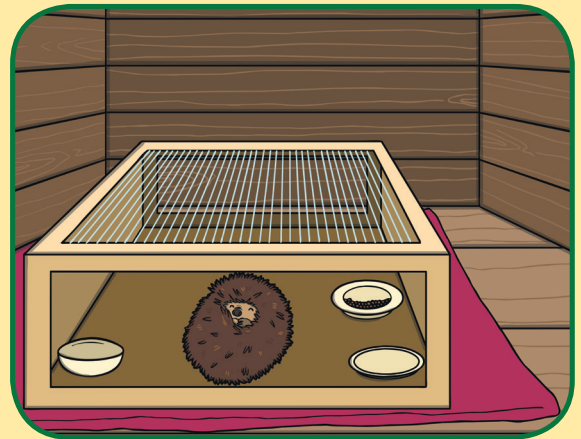
### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June

8 a.m.

I woke up early today to check on our new friend. When I looked in the shed, it was curled up in a little ball. It was so cute! Most of the dog food has gone. Grandpa says that is a good sign. We think that the hedgehog is a boy. I'm going to call him Little Hoggy.

8 p.m.

It's now late on Thursday evening. I should have gone to bed at 7 p.m. but I've been up with Little Hoggy. He isn't well. He won't eat his food and his right eye is closed. Grandpa says he will take him to the vets in the morning.



### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June

The vet was really nice. She said that Little Hoggy has a poorly ear. She's keeping him overnight and we can phone her again in the morning. I hope Little Hoggy will be OK.

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June

Grandpa phoned the vets first thing this morning. Afterwards, he explained that Little Hoggy had been taken to a hedgehog hospital. Grandpa said that's the best place for him but it still made me sad.

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June

Today was the last day with Grandpa and I didn't want to leave. He gave me a great big hug and I cried. He told me he'd let me know about Little Hoggy as soon as he heard anything. I haven't stopped thinking about him ever since.

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July** (three weeks later)

Today was amazing! Dad took me to Grandpa's house. I couldn't believe my eyes when we got there. It was Little Hoggy! Only, he isn't little anymore. He's grown so much!

Grandpa said that Little Hoggy had made a full recovery at the hedgehog hospital. He said we now had to return him to the wild. We went outside and Grandpa let me pick Little Hoggy up. He was really prickly! I put him near the bushes at the bottom of the garden. Little Hoggy sniffed around and then we all watched him disappear under the hedge.

It was the best day ever!



# Great Garden Birds

## Useful Words

raise

energy

tame

flocks

# Great Garden Birds



Birds love visiting our gardens. They make nests in bushes and trees where they lay their eggs and raise families. Sometimes, people hang bird boxes in their gardens. Birds like these because they can make their nest inside them and it helps to keep them safe.

## Bird Food

Gardens are great because there are lots of things for birds to eat in them. Some birds dig around for slugs and snails, some catch insects and others pick fruit off trees and shrubs.

Some people hang bird feeders and fill them with seeds and grains that the birds like to eat. You can hang a bird feeder outside of a window too. This means that you can feed birds even if you don't have your own garden.



## Winter

In the winter, birds need lots of food from humans because their normal food isn't around. There are fewer insects to eat and all the fruit has gone. That's why it's good to feed them at this time of the year. Birds like food with lots of energy, like fat balls and seeds. If you feed them at the same time each day, some birds will wait on garden fences and nearby bushes for you!

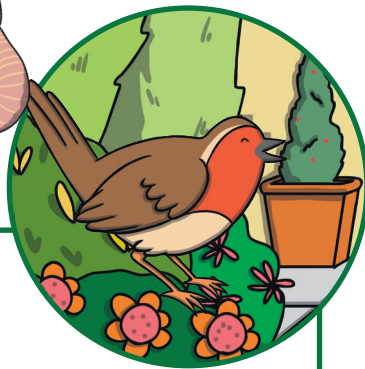
# Common Garden Birds

## Blackbird

If I have brown feathers, I am a girl. If I have black feathers, I am a boy.

I love to eat worms from gardens.

I sometimes get angry with other garden birds.

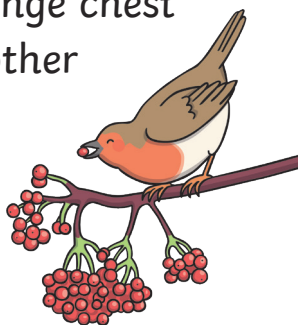


## Robin

Some people call me a winter bird but I can be seen all year round.

I have a bright orange chest and I often warn other birds away.

I sing a lot and I can become quite tame.

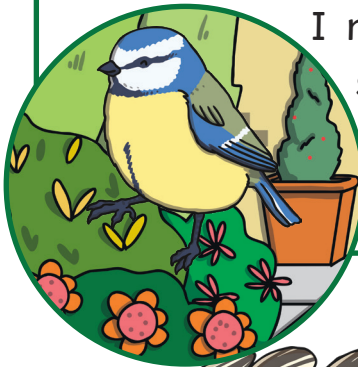


## Blue Tit

I have lovely blue and yellow feathers.

I love to eat caterpillars, nuts and seeds.

I make my home in small holes and nest boxes in the garden.



## Goldfinch

I am a colourful garden visitor with red, black and gold feathers.

I love to eat seeds and insects.

In winter, I fly south to warmer places, such as Spain.

