

Hello Everyone,

Welcome back to the Nature Detectives newsletter and Term 6. I hope you all had a good week off and got to see and do plenty of nature activities.

The hairy caterpillar from the last newsletter is a Brown Tailed Moth caterpillar. It is hairy to make it difficult and unpleasant for birds to eat. The adult moth doesn't look quite as colourful but is still just as beautiful.



The black and red moth is a Cardinal Moth. The other moth is playing 'can you see me', what type of moth is this? These moths have very different survival strategies, what are they and how do they work? Can you think of some advantages and disadvantages of each strategy?



This is a photo of baby spiders. You sometimes see them clumped together in a tight ball, if you put your finger near it they will all split up and run away across the web in all different directions, another survival tactic.



The answer to the last cryptic quiz is Hedgehog. A Hedgehogs spikes are called quills and it is true that a dog trained to indicate on a human scent can sometimes mistake a hedgehog for a human. I have run across a dark airfield many times with my Police dog to then see my dog put his nose near a curled up Hedgehog!!!

Hedgehog numbers in the UK have fallen sharply in the last few decades. We can all help by leaving a gap under or hole in the bottom of our garden fences so they can wander from garden to garden without going on the roads. You can also build a Hedgehog House, check online to see how at Wildlifetrusts.org 'How to build a Hedgehog home'.

Here are some photos from one of my neighbours. What are they?



Cryptic Quiz.
I am a wild animal.

I am very cunning.

I am bold.

I live in the countryside and in the centre of big cities like London.

I have a blood chilling cry/ scream you may hear at night.

I am an omnivore.

I have amazing hearing and can hear a watch ticking over 30 meters away.

Please email me at:

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Thank you to everyone who have sent in answers and photos.

Keep up the good work and enjoy.

Have a great week.

Take care

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