



A handsome fox with black-tipped legs - calm and watchful.

Have you ever seen a live fox?

- In your back garden?
- Stealing food from rubbish bins
- Or, streaking across a country field?

The link below, from Conserve Ireland, has useful information about foxes in Ireland. Where to find them, what they eat and how they are protected by law.

[Foxes in Ireland link](#)

The BBC website below takes you on field trips to find out more about foxes.

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How to spot foxes

From The Burrowers: Animals Underground
There are quite a number of foxes in the UK and they are pretty adaptable creatures, meaning they can make their homes almost anywhere.

Introduction

How to spot foxes
The Burrowers: Animals Underground
Chris Packham suggests spotting foxes with your nose, rather than your eyes.

Training foxes
Natural World
Wild foxes will sit for sausages.

Family affair
Autumnwatch
The new male has caught the eye of the Pitsea vixen.

Fighting foxes
Autumnwatch
The foxes of Pitsea landfill site fight off an intruder.

Pitsea fox family
Autumnwatch
Fox cub Junior's inquisitive nature makes him an easy target.

[BBC link -- how to spot foxes](#)

Here are the first two pages of the Pixie Books activity sheets on foxes. You can get a full set of 14 activity sheets if you purchase at least five copies of 'Brush – A Tale of Two Foxes' at our special discounted price.

We will send a tweet alert when we post new classroom materials on the website during the school year.

Read Chapter 1

FOX FACTS

- Foxes are generally nocturnal (they move around at night). However, you sometimes see them by day, especially in winter.
- In January or February, a litter of 4 or 5 cubs are born in a den or 'earth' underground. These earths are often rabbit burrows or badger sets that the fox has taken over.
- The cubs are blind and helpless at birth. They will not leave the den for at least three weeks.
- A fox's tail is called a brush.



😊 Have you ever seen a fox? Do you know anything about them?
Write about it here:

☺ SPECIAL DAYS

The story opens on Christmas Eve. Can you work out the names of these other special days in the year? and their dates? Also, write a sentence on each.

Date

N _ _ Y _ _ _ 'S DAY _____

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☺ CLONOWEN -- A Bird's Eye View

"...A crow swooped over the rooftops of Clonowen village. She flew over the village square, where laughing children played, across the river and the white fields towards the woods on a hill in the distance."

-- Draw a picture of the scene and colour it in --



