



Seed explorer

with FOX



Get into the woods and look for nuts, cones and seeds...



1 Collect and bury three nuts like a squirrel, then go off for a walk. Can you find them again when you get back?

2 Look for a rainbow of seed colours as you walk:



3 Find a nibbled cone and discover what has eaten it:

- **Squirrel:** scales are gnawed off, eaten cone looks untidy and are found in open spaces
- **Mouse:** scales are neatly gnawed off, not found in the open but at hidden feeding sites
- **Woodpecker:** scales broken and ruffled

4 Look for and touch:



Smooth acorns



Rough fir cones



Spiky conker cases

5 Find an open cone, and see if you can shake out any tiny winged seeds.

6 Leave a trail of seeds for a vole to follow. Where will you lead them? To a waiting store of nuts, to a new burrow, or somewhere else?

