

# Activity 1

Year 4 Science: living things and their habitats



Month:

## Maternity roosts

Female bats are beginning to form maternity colonies and are looking for suitable nursery sites, such as buildings, trees or bat boxes.

Months:

## Birth



Female bats give birth to a single young, which will start to fly at three weeks old.

Month:

## Preparing for Hibernating

Bats become torpid (sluggish and cold) in November as they drop their body temperature and begin hibernation.

Months:

## Feeding

Bats are beginning to emerge and can be seen feeding as the weather gets warmer.

Bats are hungry and active, feeding most nights.



Months:

## Mating & swarming

Mating occurs through the Autumn and bats can often be seen "swarming" outside the roost.



Months:

## Hibernating

Bats are hibernating by December to conserve energy in the colder months when insects are hard to find.

