

Woodland Animals

Home to creatures, great and small,
the woodland welcomes creatures all.

Scuttling beetles to hooting owls
or scavenging foxes on the prowl.

During the day, squirrels leap and scramble
upon towering trees and around thick bramble,
gathering and collecting magnificent meals
from plants and trees they like to steal.

Spiders weave delicately, a beautiful sight:
intricate webs glittering in the sunlight.

Silver trails on the damp, leafy floor;
which creatures have been here before?

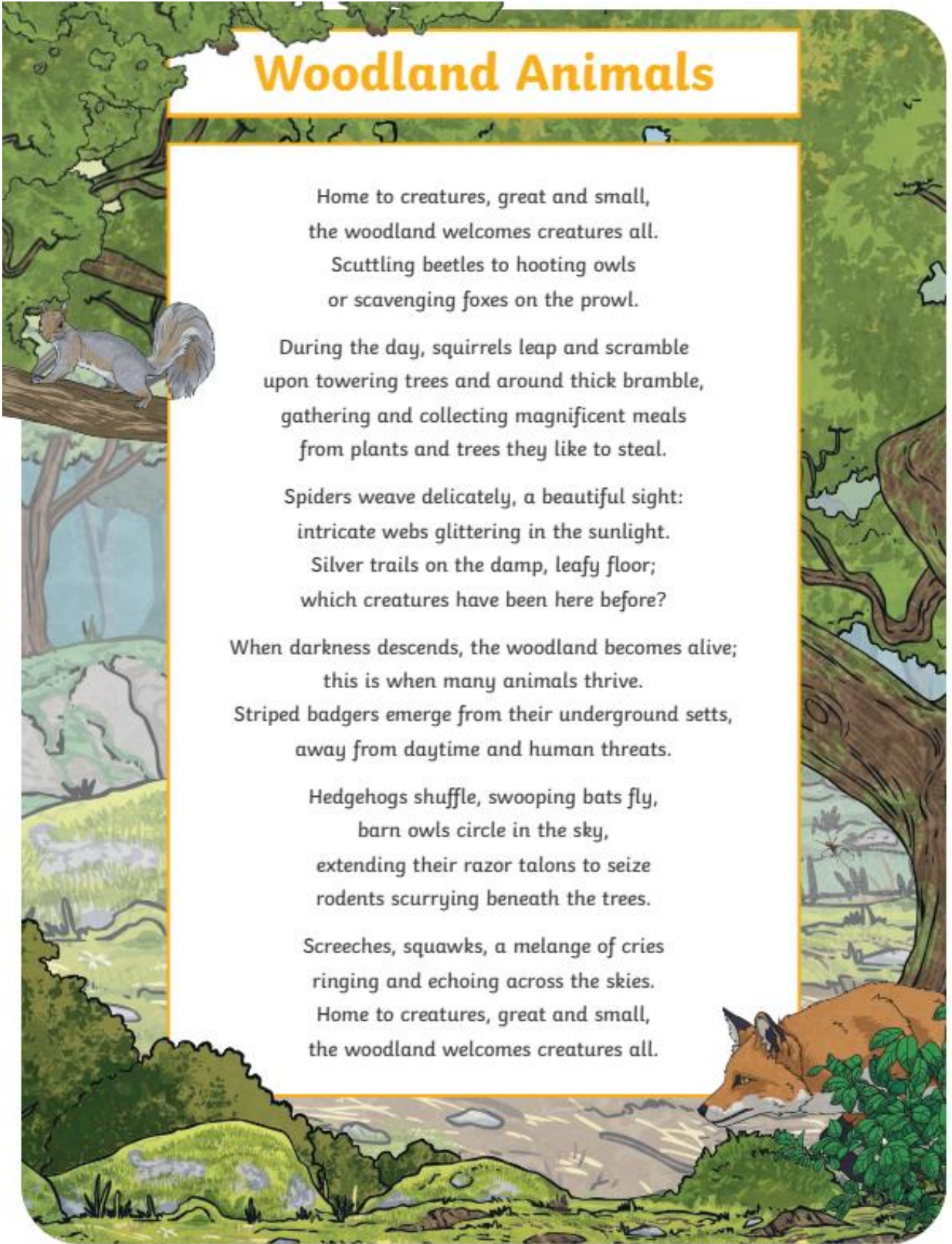
When darkness descends, the woodland becomes alive;
this is when many animals thrive.

Striped badgers emerge from their underground setts,
away from daytime and human threats.

Hedgehogs shuffle, swooping bats fly,
barn owls circle in the sky,
extending their razor talons to seize
rodents scurrying beneath the trees.

Screeches, squawks, a melange of cries
ringing and echoing across the skies.

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1. What colour are the trails on the woodland floor? Tick one.

- white
- black
- golden
- silver

2. Number the events from 1-4 to show the order that they occur in the poem.

- Rodents scurry.
- Squirrels leap and scramble.
- Darkness descends.
- Spiders weave webs.

3. Draw **four** lines to match and complete the phrases.

scavenging	meals
magnificent	floor
leafy	foxes
razor	talons

4. Which of the following creatures are mentioned in the poem? Tick **two**.

- skunks
- badgers
- bats
- moths

5. Fill in the missing word.

Scuttling beetles to _____ owls or scavenging foxes on the prowl.

6. Which animal is described as **shuffling**?

7. **Screeches, squawks...**

What creature do you think may be squawking? Why do you think this?

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