

Wildlife Safari



Topic Focus

Living things and their habitats, plants and animals and working scientifically.

Overview

The activities in this topic encourage children to see burial grounds as important havens for a range of wildlife. They encourage children to explore different habitats and to view burial grounds from different angles. By investigating mini-beasts, habitats and trees as well as important British species like Hedgehogs, Bumblebees, Lichens and Yew trees the children will use and develop observation and recording skills as well as simple field techniques.

The activities are: Tremendous Trees, Green Guardians, Mini-Beast Mania, Habitat Hunter, Let's Investigate Lichens, Creature Comforts - Hedgehogs, Bumblebees, Slow Worms, Swifts.

EYFS, KS1 & KS2

Key Skills

Investigating
Observing
Questioning
Classifying
Identifying
Recording
Measuring

Key Words

Habitat
Conditions
Mini-beast
Lichen

Curriculum Links

This topic helps develop pupils' knowledge, skills and understanding in Science, Geography, and PSHE.

EYFS

Understanding the World
The World



John Muir Award

Discover
Explore
Conserve
Share



Try the following activities if you are working for any of the following badges:

Rainbows - Look and Learn

Beavers - Explore Activity

Brownies - Environment, Friend to Animals, Science Investigator, Seasons, Wildlife

Cubs - Naturalist Activity

Guides - Animal Active, Science

Scouts - Naturalist Activity, Global Conservation Activity

Slow Worms

Resources

[Slow Worm Template](#)

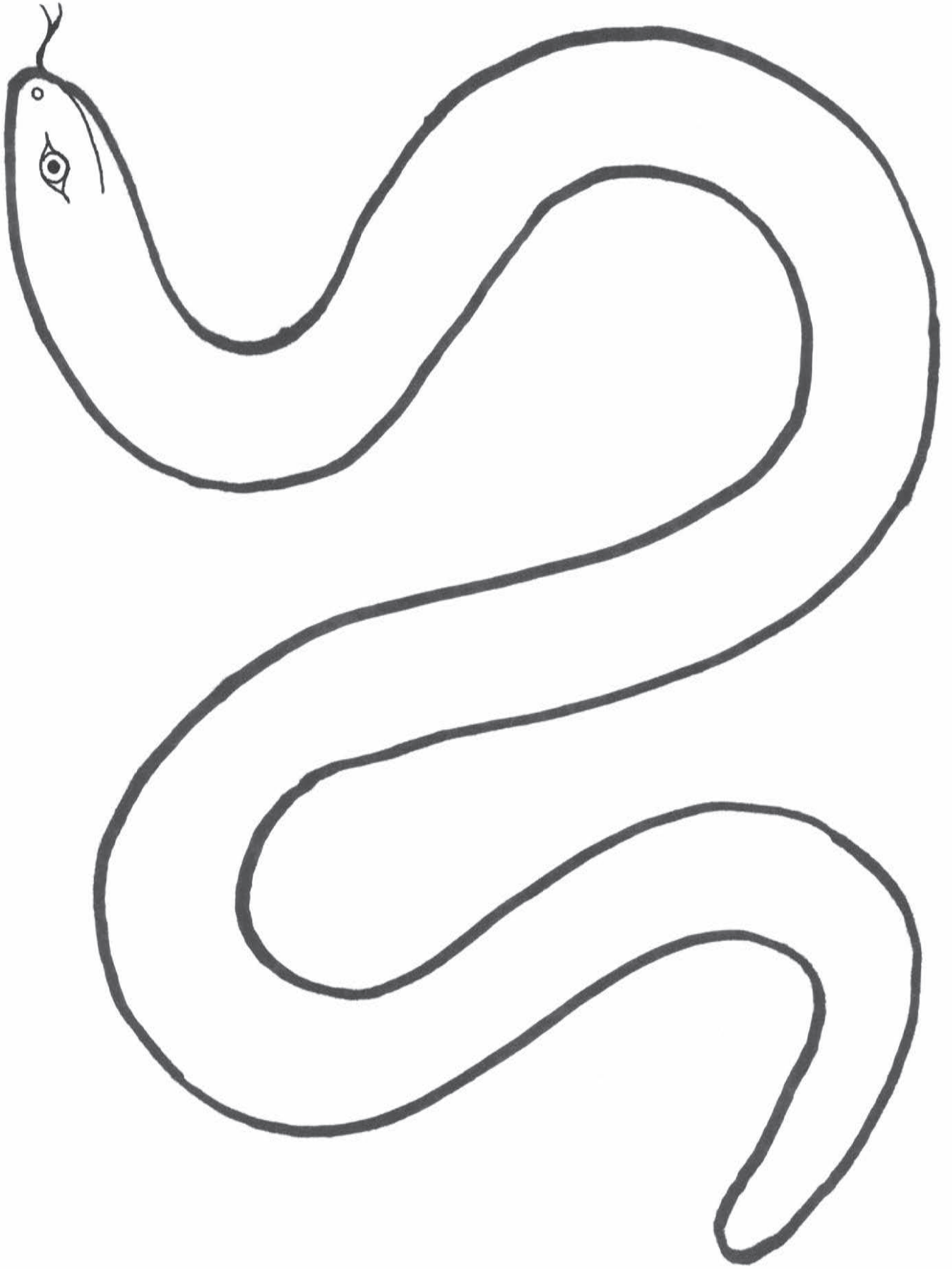
[Slow Worm Writing Frame](#)

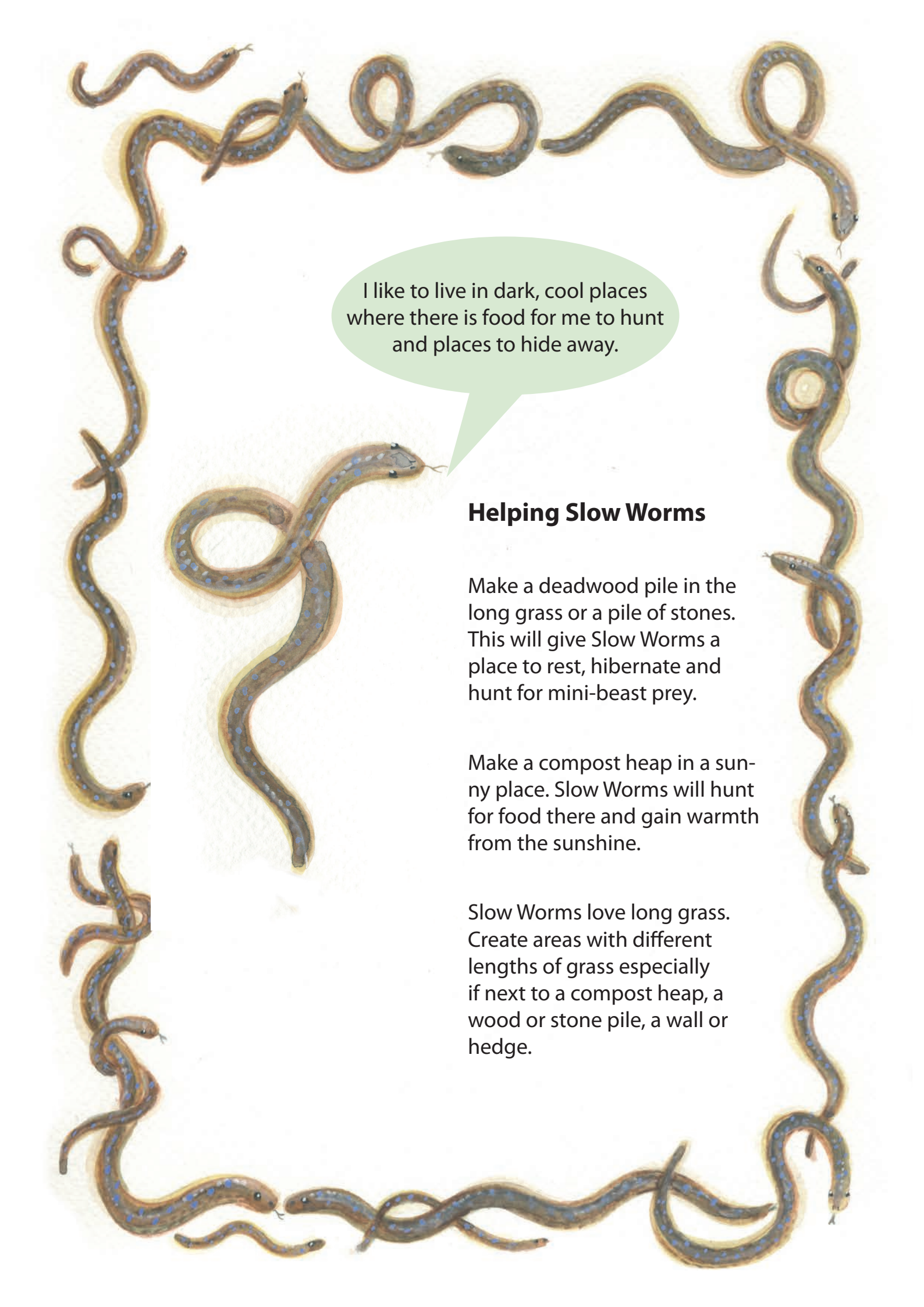
[Helping Slow Worms](#)

Activities

- 1. Slow Worm paper chains** - Gglue strips of paper into attached loops. Add eyes and a Slow Worm tongue.
- 2. Roll out a Slow Worm** - from salt dough or clay.
- 3. Create a spiral Slow Worm** - cut a paper plate into a spiral with the head in the centre. Attach eyes and a tongue. Make a hole in the centre to thread string, ready to hang.
- 4. Make a Slow Worm puppet** - from an old sock. Attach eyes and a tongue.
- 5. Move like a Slow Worm.**
- 6. Make a biological record** - ask the burial site manager if they have ever seen a Slow Worm on site. If so then make a biological record. This is easy to do, just click on www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk. Go to Slow Worms then Record Card and follow the simple steps.







I like to live in dark, cool places where there is food for me to hunt and places to hide away.

Helping Slow Worms

Make a deadwood pile in the long grass or a pile of stones. This will give Slow Worms a place to rest, hibernate and hunt for mini-beast prey.

Make a compost heap in a sunny place. Slow Worms will hunt for food there and gain warmth from the sunshine.

Slow Worms love long grass. Create areas with different lengths of grass especially if next to a compost heap, a wood or stone pile, a wall or hedge.

