

Nature is busy!

It's spring and all of nature is busy – building nests, looking after young or finding food after a long winter's sleep. At the National Museum of Ireland – Natural History there are lots of cases with animals that are being very busy, and showing signs of all the activities animals do during spring. Look at the photo of the museum display of the vixen and fox cubs.

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A vixen with 4 fox cubs at their den.



Can you spot
what the fox
cubs had for
dinner?

Signs of Spring

As clever as a fox!

Did you know that when a fox cub is born they can't see or hear, and they are covered in short black fur? Most are born in March, in underground dens, and for the first four weeks they suckle milk from their mother. After that they begin to eat food, such as rabbits or birds.

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Signs of Spring Word Search

Try the Signs of Spring word search and have fun finding a range of words related to animals you might see or hear during springtime in Ireland.

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Get
searching!

Robin Rabbit Bee Butterfly Cub Swallow
Eagle Fly Mayfly Magpie Hare Vixen

Here's a tip!

Search horizontally, vertically and diagonally and even backwards for all 12 words, put your skills to the test and see how many you can find! Don't forget to check your answers on the next page.

Here are the answers!

How did you get on? Did you manage to find all 12 words?



Dinner time for the cubs!

Did you guess what the cubs had for dinner on page 1? The feathers are a clue. The 4 cubs have been eating a bird for their dinner.

We hope to see you soon!

A visit to the National Museum of Ireland – Natural History is FREE. Next time you are at the Museum, don't forget to say hello to the vixen and her four fox cubs in the Irish Room!