LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

A trail camera is a brilliant way of seeing the wildlife visiting your space. They are simple to use and the footage they capture can give you a sneaky peak into the exciting lives of wild animals.

Fancy capturing your own animal movie magic? Here are some tips to get the best possible images or footage you can:

• Make sure that your camera is set up vertically. You can do this by strapping the camera to any sturdy upright structure like a tree, a fence post, or garden furniture.

• Make sure your camera isn’t pointing at the ground. Try wedging in a couple of small sticks underneath to tilt the camera.

• Wiggling grass in the wind can cause the camera to mistake it for movements of animals. To avoid taking lots of footage of grass, try to avoid setting up your camera too close to swaying and swinging plants.

• Lastly, set up food and water stations to encourage wildlife to visit.

CHALLENGE

Our trail cameras have captured these images.

• Can you match the animals in the pictures to their names?
• Think about the different features of the animals and why you think they’re like this.
• Are they spiky or furry?
• Do they have forward-facing eyes or side-facing eyes?
• Do you know what they eat?
• What other features can you describe?