



With more snow forecast, this week we are going to track some animals. We will identify and follow footprints in either the snow or the mud. While you are out walking, sledging or exploring, look carefully at the ground for footprints. Use your observational skills to

look at:

- The size of footprints
- The shape of the footprints
- Number of toes
- Are there any claws?
- Can you see a drag mark from a tail?
- Is the print symmetrical?
- Can you spot a hoof shape?

Attached is a sheet to take with you to help you identify some prints. Below are some common footprints you will spot easily to get you started:



Rabbit tracks- notice their back feet are larger than the front feet.



Bird tracks- look like the shape of arrow heads.



Cat tracks- 5 very small toes



Dog tracks-claws can often be visible at the end of each toe

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2017/12/animal-tracks-snow-print-identification/> for more footprint information.