

Level

Entry

Reproduction in badgers



Badgers give birth to live babies (like other mammals do)



Pregnancy starts in mid winter and lasts about 7 weeks

They are adult size by about 6 months old (but don't have their own cubs for about 2 years)

Cubs are born in February. A litter normally has 2 or 3 cubs but sometimes more

Cubs are 12cm long at birth, blind and with very little hair

CUBS!

The cubs come out of the sett in April but still stay close to mum for a few months, learning to forage & playing a lot

Cubs are suckled underground by their mothers for about 8 weeks

Badger mums drag leaves & grass into the sett to make warm, cosy bedding for the cubs



Their black & white striped faces develop whilst they are underground

