

# Five steps to help ecology on our 21st Century Schools sites...

- 1** Find out what plants and animals live on our site, which ones need extra protection during construction and what other wildlife can be encouraged to make their home here.
- 2** Plan how to protect the trees, birds, bats and reptiles during construction and carry out those actions.
- 3** Create ponds and raingardens to help keep the water clean, reduce flood risk and provide a home and food for wildlife. Leave some messy log piles which create hiding places for newts and other animals.
- 4** Create wildflower areas for birds, insects and small mammals like hedgehogs. Plant extra trees and hedgerows so that animals can travel between areas under cover and leave gaps in fences for hedgehogs.
- 5** Create areas for people to enjoy all the extra wildlife, including places to sit and relax, to grow food, and socialise. Involve pupils in planting and looking after the new habitats.

