

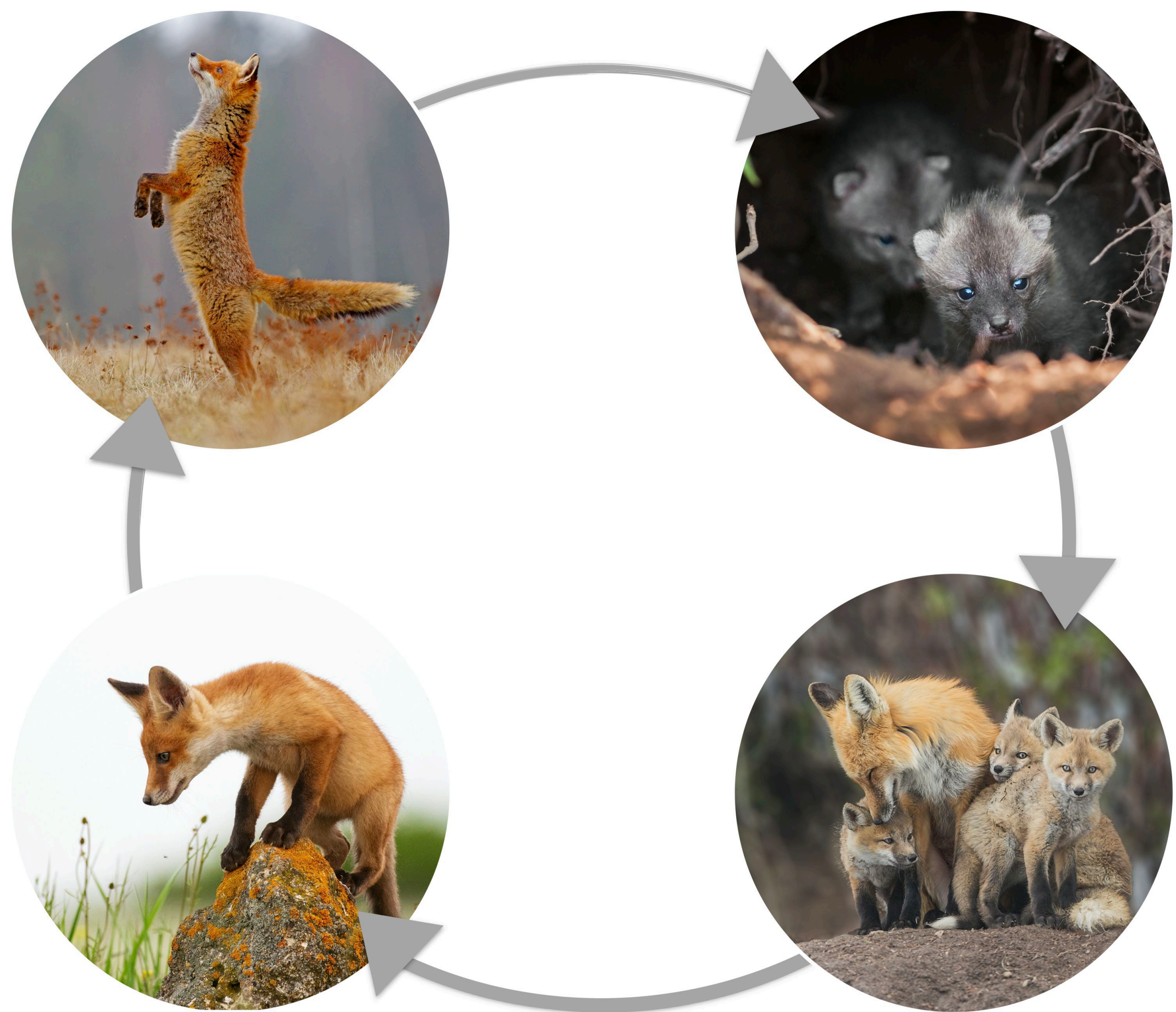
# All About Fox Kits



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Baby foxes are called pups, kits, or cubs. Until they are 4 weeks old, the mother fox keeps them in her den. They depend on their mother's milk until they start to have solid food.



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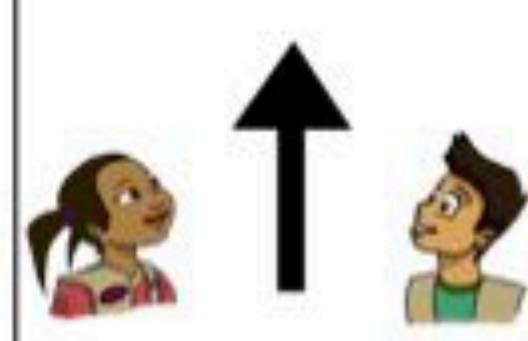




At first, Red fox kits are gray in color.  
They stay in their den.



The fur of the Red fox kits turns from a grayish to a reddish color.

## Decodable Word Chart

Long /e/ (ee)	Short /i/	Short /e/	Short /a/	Short /u/	Short /o/	Schwa /ə/
						
weeks	kits	den	catch	pups	foxes	the
keeps	milk	red	snack	cubs	fox	about
	nip	resting		hunt	spots	
				just	not	
				hunting		
				bugs		



What did you find out about the fox kits?



At 4 weeks, the fox kits begin to go out of their den. When they go out they stay near their home.



A fox kit begins to hunt when it is just 8 weeks old. What do you think it is hunting?

They hunt for bugs like crickets.



After a day of play, fox kits are resting near their den.



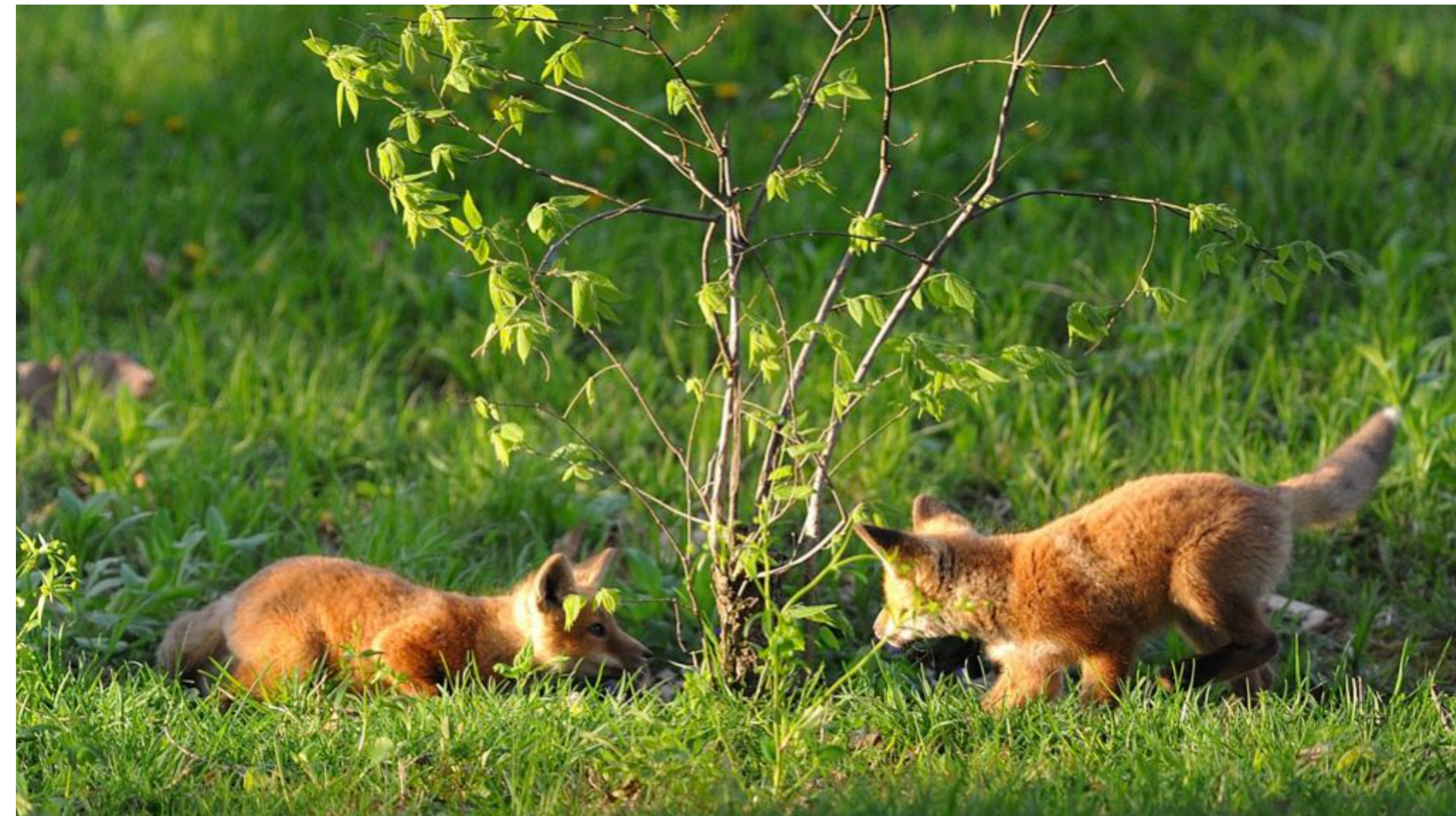
**They also like to tickle and nip at each other.**



**This little Red fox spots an insect to catch for a snack.**



When the fox kits are not hunting, they like to play.



Fox kits are energetic and they love to play. What do you think they are playing in this photo?