



Hedgehogs and Woodpeckers



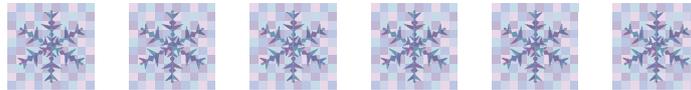
Spring term

We hope your passports are ready and your bags are packed as we off to explore the world!

Our role play areas have had the decks scrubbed and anchors lifted and are ready to set sail!



Wrap up warm for the beginning as we are off to our first continent - Antarctica. We are going to be finding out what animals live there and compare them to our native animals. We will be looking at what winter is like here at home compared to the freezing Antarctic. Hibernation will lead us into building our own winter dens and looking at how animals prepare for such a long sleep. In science we will look at the properties of ice and how we can affect the speed of freezing and melting.



The ice will inspire us to search for other snowy places as we head off to Asia. We will be setting our sights high as we climb to the top of the Himalayan Mountains. We will be researching famous people such as Edmund Hillary and how he travelled to the very top.

Staying in Asia we are off to China to celebrate their New Year as they say goodbye to the Year of the Monkey and hello to the Year of the Rooster. Happy Palace is kindly donating some food for our Chinese party. Throughout our stay we will be learning about clothing, animals, weather and looking carefully at architecture of houses. We will listen to and recreate traditional Chinese music, dance to the Hall of the Dragon Dance and make lanterns of light and Chinese dragons.

As we explore colour and pattern in China we will travel across to India, recreating the Taj Mahal and colour-mixing to create beautiful sunsets.

Tasting traditional Indian foods and spice, creating our own saris, listening to and creating music and learning about the weather, language and houses will all keep us very busy.

During our topic we will be programming directions on b-bots, look at coding on iPads and laptops, learning about number bonds to 20, recognising coins and answering money problems, using scales to measure weight and looking at mass, develop our understanding of position, direction and movement, and naming and exploring 2D and 3D shapes.

Our learning will take us on some exciting adventures across the continents. As always we value all learning from home so if you have any items, stories or information that could help us in our learning please bring them in to share.

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