

Hedgehogs and Woodpeckers

Spring 1st Half - Around The World

Throughout the next six weeks Hedgehogs and Woodpeckers are going on a whistle-stop trip around the world! We are starting at home in England reading the story 'Harry's Home' and looking at the difference between city and county life.

Our next step is looking at 'Animal Verse' comparing life on a farm, safari and rainforest. We will be investigating the different animals, their environments and what they need to survive, and we will also look at how we can play a part in caring for them. 'Catch that Goat' will take us to India, where we look at patterns and designs on clothing, then onto Africa looking at all the different fruits in 'Handa's Surprise', and making and tasting fruit salads. Then we are going to South Africa for 'The Village of Round and Small House' when we will look at different styles of home, before finally boarding a train in the 'The Elephant Dance' to explore the Himalayan mountains, Taj Mahal and different landscapes across India.

As we meet different animals we will be looking at how we can care for them, the weather climates they like, the food they eat and the sorts of places they live. We will be designing, adapting and building homes and pens for them.

Through the different books we will be comparing and experimenting with different drawing and sketching techniques and styles. We will look at the use of line, smudging, colour and be using a range of equipment.

Alongside our travels we will be exploring 'Light and Dark', using a dark den to investigate light sources and reflections.

Our role play areas are a travel agency and airport. Maybe one weekend you could visit travel agents to see what happens there!

If you have any artefacts, pictures, souvenirs or stories about any of the countries we will be looking at, please bring them in to share with us.

We look forward to our travels!!!!