

Launch

The children will be using their senses (sight and hearing) to find clues which indicate an animal habit around the school grounds. They will think about what type of animals they are likely to find and why. Children will then look at contrasting habitats from around the world and match photos of animals to these habitats and discuss their reasoning.



Where do animals live?



Landing

The children will use their knowledge of different animals to create an animal fact book which will be shared with the local community. They will make and sell a hedgehog pencil holder to raise money for the PDSA.



Topic Overview

As part of this topic, the children will explore the natural world around them and make observations of different habitats in our school grounds. They will recap finding the school on a simple map and identify familiar local areas and the animals and habitats which could be found there e.g. Redhill Park, local gardens, River Stour. The children will discuss animals they see regularly in the local area and discuss whether they are domestic or wild. They will look at contrasting environments both locally and nationally and think about the animals they would find there e.g. New Forest ponies and Highland cows. They will also look at places in the world that contrast with the locations they know and the animals that live there e.g. savannas and giraffes, Arctic and polar bears, rainforest and frogs. The children will learn about different jobs that involve working with animals and will be visited by a local vet.

Key Vocabulary

habitat
environment
local
national
natural world
wild animals
domestic animals

Learning Conversations

Talk to your child about the different wild animals you see regularly. Would you see an elephant in Redhill Park? Encourage your child to explain their answer.

Can you spot any animal habitats or signs that animals have been nearby? E.g. birds' nests, burrows, animal tracks.

Ask your child to tell you what their favourite animal is. Where does it live? Can they describe its habitat? What other animals live in this habitat?

Drivers

COMMUNITY

The children will be creating a class booklet about different animals and where they live in the world.

They will also raise money for the PDSA by making and selling hedgehog pencil holders.



ASPIRATION

The children will learn about different jobs and careers that involve working with animals. They will hear from experts, to deepen their understanding.



Home Learning Challenge



The children will be coming home with a sheet to record how many animals they can see in their local environment. Please see the separate sheet which will be in your child's home learning book for details. Due in Wednesday 7th February 2024.

Did you know?

Baby squirrels are called kittens.
Birds weave twigs and grass to make their nests and sometimes use mud or spit as glue.
The field vole is the most common mammal in the UK although it is rarely spotted.

