

Where did all the hedgehogs go?

This half term Beech Class will be exploring the question 'Where did all the hedgehogs go?' This question stems from the fact that woodlands in the UK are changing. The topic will begin with exploring the different British wildlife and how their lives are affected by humans. Many woodland animals are now listed as vulnerable in the UK which means we could be at risk of losing them. It is important for us to learn changes we can make to protect these animals.

Through this topic we hope the children will begin showing more of the Bolney Characteristics – achievers and creative thinkers

Key Vocabulary:

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| Deforestation | Bat |
| Hedgehog | Mammals |
| Fox | Birds |
| Mole | Insects |
| Owl | Amphibians |
| Deer | Reptiles |
| Squirrel | Fish |
| Badger | Wildlife |
| Ancient | Extinct |
| woodland | |



Key texts:

The Lost Words: A Spell Book by Robert Macfarlane

The Oak Tree by Julia Donaldson

Enchanted wood by Enid Blyton

The magic far away tree by Enid Blyton

Key Questions:

How do we look after British wildlife?

Who helps keep British wildlife thriving?

What does extinct mean?

Why is climate change a problem in the UK?

Will our woodlands ever change?

What lives in the woods?

How does deforestation effect my world?

PE

As sportspeople, we will create a short gymnastics piece, inspired by the way animals move. We will also be developing team skills through games

Learning for life

As lifelong learners, we will be setting our own realistic goals and discussing ways to achieve them

Maths

As mathematicians, we are looking at...

Year 1: Place value (within 50), Multiplication and division, Length and height

Year 2: Multiplication and division, Statistics, length and height

English

Year 1 Key skills (writing):

- ❖ Full stops and capital letters
- ❖ Finger spaces
- ❖ Letter formation and writing on the line
- ❖ Writing sentences independently
- ❖ Using and, because
- ❖ Spelling some common exception words

Year 2 key skills (writing):

- ❖ Writing styles for different purposes
- ❖ Adverbs
- ❖ Adjectives
- ❖ Using and, but, because
- ❖ Spelling common exception words

Art

As artists, we will be creating our own woodland collages



RE

In RE, we are exploring the question: How do some Muslims show Allah is compassionate and merciful?

Music

Charanga:
Music inspired by the world around us

Science

As scientists, we will be looking at habitats and discovering the animals that live in them

Bolney Characteristics

Achievers and creative thinkers

BIG QUESTION: Where did all the hedgehogs go?

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Computing

As programmers in computing, we will be programming and creating algorithms on Bee-Bot

Geography

As geographers, we will explore physical features and human features in geography and recognise some characteristics of both. We will also develop our photography and simple sketching skills whilst also being introduced to data collecting.