

Animals & their Habitats

Focus Texts

Habitat - A place that an animal lives in. We will be focusing on woodland, farms, ponds, oceans and jungles

Life Cycle - the series of changes to a living thing during its life time. To explore this further we will be having eggs and chicks in Foundation.

Animals and their young - Terminology relating to the names of animal babies (chicks, lambs etc)

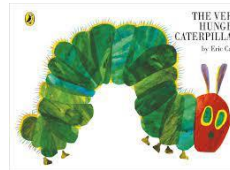
Mini-beast - A small creature that lives in the garden/woodland environment

Mammal - A warm blooded animal which gives birth to live babies

Environment - The world around us

We also want the children to understand through this topic how to care for living things and to be kind to all animals, even those they don't like (such as spiders).

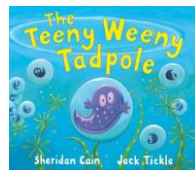
We are planning to have caterpillars and chicks for the children to experience these life cycles themselves.



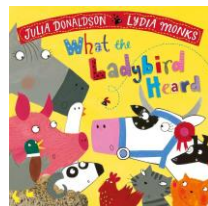
The Very Hungry Caterpillar - We are introducing our new topic with this familiar text to introduce life cycles to the children. We will be focusing on the events of the story and how the main character changes over time.



The Little Red Hen - We have selected this traditional tale to support the children's understanding of both different animals, where they live and the cycle of food. We will be having extended conversations about the feelings of characters in the story and the reasons for this.



The Teeny Weeny Tadpole - This text has a different setting for the children than the others and is something we want to explore further. We will be looking at the inference through the pictures of the changes to the tadpole throughout the story and comparing this to how we are changing as we grow up.



What the Ladybird Heard - We are exploring this book to support the children's prediction skills of what is going to happen during the story. The habitat of the story is similar to The Little Red Hen but has a different range of characters who have explicit motives. We will also be exploring the map of the farm to develop our understanding of a 'birds-eye-view'.



Comotion in the Ocean & Rumble in the Jungle - These texts will be utilised to focus on poetry and rhyming with the children whilst also exploring the different features of the animals and settings.

- The children's knowledge will be further developed through a range of both fiction and non-fiction texts to support these.