

Theme :Down in the Woods.

This term in Blue Class, we will be beginning our exciting topic of 'Down in the Woods.' Throughout, the topic we will: name animals that live in woods, we will think about where they live and what they eat. We will learn about autumn and winter and how this affects the trees, animals, what we wear and the weather.

KEY VOCABULARY

Woodland Animals - mammals, birds, insects, reptiles, habitats, herbivore, carnivore, omnivore, badgers, foxes, deer, owls, bats, squirrels, hedgehog, rabbit.

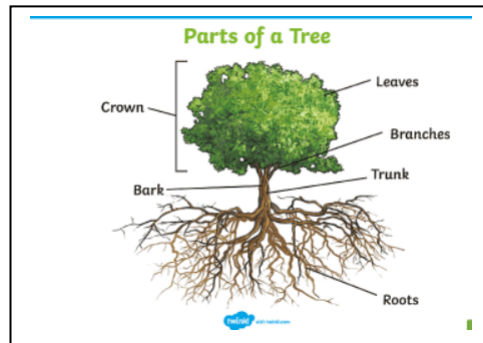
Animal Homes - Dray, den, nest, sett, roost, herd, burrow.

Woodland trees and plants - oak, holly, conifer, yew, sycamore, ash, beech, horse chestnut, willow, trunk, branch, bark, roots, leaves.



Our books will be:

Owl Babies, Animal non-fiction facts books,



What animals live in woods? What do they look like? What do they eat? Where do they live?

What are baby owls called? What type of animal is an owl? How do you know?

What are these animals home called? What do they look like? Where would you find if you looked in a wood?

What are these trees called? Can we identify their leaves? What does deciduous - evergreen mean?

Key Facts we will learn in Science

Evergreen a tree that has green leaves throughout the year.

Deciduous - a tree that sheds its leaves throughout the autumn.

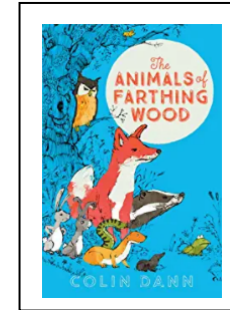
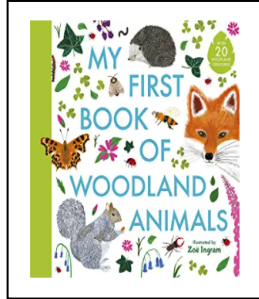
Seasons - Our year is divided into four seasons. We are in Autumn - What happens in autumn to the trees?

Weather - How does the weather change in autumn/winter?

Local places to visit:

- Little Owl Farm Park.
- Knapp Papermill Reserve
- Worcester Woods Countryside Center
- Falconry Center Stourbridge
- All Things Wild - Evesham
- The Nature Center - Birmingham
- Cotswold Farm Park
- Hatton Adventure World.

Additional texts to read:



Challenge Tasks

- Go for a walk? What animals, trees can you see? Can you name them?
- Collect fallen leaves, sort them and try to find out which tree they belonged to. Can you make a tree scrap book using your autumn treasures? You could stick them in, take photos or draw them. Don't forget to add labels.
- Find out what different animals eat. Are they herbivore, omnivore or carnivore?

Key questions to ask:

- What season is this? How do you know?
- How does the weather change in autumn/winter?
- Why is it dark at night & in the morning?
- What clothes do you wear in winter? Why?
- What do animals do to prepare for winter?

