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# SCIENCE WEEK 2022

How many different species of animal do we have in  
our school grounds?



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Everyone enjoyed a dry day today and were out and about as usual. It was a little cool and cloudy though so this meant that there was still a slight drop in number of pollinators.

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Snowdrops were glad to be able to go out again for pond-dipping as it was rained -off yesterday. They found lots of interesting creatures including some that we hadn't previously seen.



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Daisies have been busy all week exploring the grounds.

Here are just a few of their photos...













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Year R were out this afternoon looking for birds. They really looked carefully and spotted some of our more timid birds such as a Nuthatch and Pied Wagtails.

We are very lucky to see Nuthatches in our woods - they are very agile and can creep up and down the tree trunks.

Amazing!





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Year 1 were also looking for birds in the afternoon, but they had a different way of identifying them. With the help of Mrs Goodwin, they listened to the birdsong.

Being patient, keeping still and quiet is not easy to do, but Year 1 were amazing and did us proud! They were quickly recognising the sounds of Blackbirds, Crows, Robins and Wood Pigeons. They even heard a very cross Blackbird making its "pink pink pink" sound.

Sunflowers were lucky to actually see Bluetits going in and out of one of our new nest boxes too!

Back in the classroom, Year 1 explored different types of beaks, feathers and even learnt how to make some of the bird calls.

What great ornithologists we have in Year 1!















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We decided not to put our mammal runs out on Wednesday night because of the heavy rain...no-one wants to run through a soggy box! We also had nothing on our night camera either. Perhaps the rain also affects the movement of our mammals as well as our pollinators?

Instead, I thought you would like to see some footage from Ella's (from Bluebells) garden instead. Look out for this in a separate link.



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We set up more mammal traps for tonight and also moved the night camera so that it is looking directly into one of the runs. Fingers crossed for that.

We are also trying a different way to collect fox tracks tonight. So far we have left out a tray of damp sand, and we have seen our foxes walk through it. Unfortunately though, it is very hard to see the tracks in the sand. So tonight we have put some clay out on a tray in the hope that we get some really clear fox prints. Get some toes crossed for that one!



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Now for the data...drum roll please...



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We have one more day of exploring for Science Week 2022 and the weather for Friday is looking very promising. With lots of warm sun we should be seeing plenty of pollinators: honey bees, bumble bees, butterflies etc.

Thank you to all those children who are bringing in their observations and tallies from home, and for the videos I have been sent. From the humble house fly to a family of foxes - it is all super science work. Keep it up!

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### Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>: Science Week Showcase

Please also remember that we have our Showcase on Saturday when we will be displaying all the work that we have been doing. You will also get a chance to see the equipment and techniques we have been using.

Craig Whitelock from Hampshire Wildlife will be there too, running an invertebrate hunt, and there also will be a craft activity. Mrs Goodwin will be on hand to guide you in identifying birds through their song.

There may be some artwork going on too. You will be able to walk around the grounds, and the children will be able to proudly show where they found all the wild creatures!

See you all tomorrow

Mrs Whittaker 😊