Year 1 Knowledge Organiser – Wildlife Watch!

Topic overview

In this geography and science topic, year 1 children will learn about the wonderful world of bees and hedgehogs. We will be exploring our local environment and considering the impact of the seasons on our local wildlife.

Key Concepts

Science

- Biodiversity and Ecosystems.
- Food Chains.
- Climate Change and Wildlife.
- Habitats and Microhabitats.
- Identifying local wildlife.

Geography

- Fieldwork and mapping skills.
- Nature reserves and protected areas.
- Best locations for hedgehog and bee homes.
- Habitat restoration.
- How to help our local wildlife thrive.



Interesting Facts

- **Hedgehogs** are nocturnal animals and only come out at night!
- **Bees** do a dance to show the other bees where the flowers are!
- Foxes are incredibly adaptable animals and can thrive in various environments including forests, mountains and urban areas.
- Robins will remain In their territories all year, even in colder climates (unlike lots of other birds which migrate to warmer climates).

Key People

David Attenborough – Famous scientist and conservationist.



Andrew Ellis – The hedgehog man from Birchwood Hedgehog Rescue, devotes his time to caring for poorly hedgehogs.



Vocabulary

Environment – The environment includes everything living and everything non-living.

Protect – The act of keeping something safe from harm or the condition of being protected.

Wildlife – Wild animals living in their natural environment.

Pollination – transferring pollen grains from the male anther of a flower to the female stigma.

Colony – a group of bees living together.

Habitat – an environment where organisms have everything they need to thrive.

Conservation - The protection of natural wildlife and habitats.

Endangered – When animals are at risk of extinction due to various factors such as habitat loss, pollution, and climate change.

Ecosystem – Lots of organisms interacting with each other.

