

Big Idea: Hedgehogs

We have had a brilliant week learning about hedgehogs. We were lucky enough to have a visit from Jen the hedgehog expert, a volunteer from Ryston Rachel's hedgehog hospital (https://www.facebook.com/rystonrachel/?locale=en_GB) She brought her hedgehog rescue kit in to show us and some toy hedgehogs to show us how small the hoglets are and how quickly they grow! We learnt so many interesting facts about hedgehogs and loved becoming hedgehog experts ourselves! Inspired by our visit, we made our very own hedgehog hospital. We have been painting and drawing hedgehogs and using words like spiky, prickly and snuffly to describe them. We learnt about what hedgehogs like to eat and made a hedgehog cafe in the mud kitchen. We used clay to make our own hedgehogs and then made homes for them! We have also been busy exploring apples after reading one of our hedgehog stories. We have been weighing apples, ordering them by size, taste testing them, chopping them, using them in the water tray, counting them and we even turned our mud kitchen into an apple pie shop! One of our favourite ideas was to design and make our own apple picking machines with conveyor belts, grabbing arms, sucking hoses and apple sweeping brushes! We were excited to watch videos of real apple picking machines in action and used them to inspire our own designs!

Next week's Big Idea and Big Challenge

Next week we will be moving on to look at the Autumn Celebration of Diwali which falls on 20th October. We will be learning all about the Hindu festival of light and linking it to our own experiences of celebrations and important annual events. Why not talk to your child about times of the year when you celebrate at home? What traditions and special things do you do to celebrate? Talk about when you might decorate your home, dress up in special clothes or give each other presents and maybe you could even look at some photographs of the celebrations over the years! How about taking a trip to the library and trying to find some books about Diwali or other festivals and celebrations around the world? Don't forget to take some photos and send them to us on Tapestry

