Our Autumn topic is

Paddington



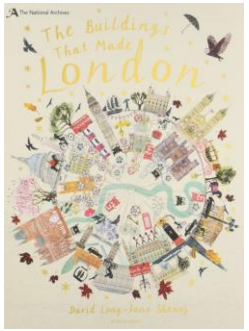
Geography
Paddington is a little bear discovering the city of London after arriving at Paddington Station from Peru. The children will join Paddington as he explores the different key geographical locations across London. In Hedgehogs, the children will look at why London is the capital city of England and explore different key features of London, such as the River Thames and key buildings and their uses. In Foxes, they will move on to study the importance of the River Thames and how we use it. They will then compare London to other capital cities around the world including capital cities of South American countries, where Paddington was originally from.

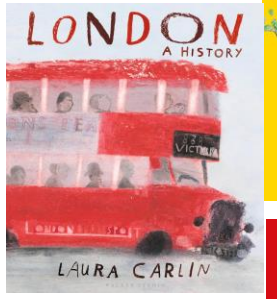
History
In Hedgehogs, the children will study key historical events in London's history, such as the Gunpower Plot and The Great Fire of London. In Foxes, the children will look at how London has changed throughout time and look at the history behind some of the historic sites in London, such as The Tower of London.

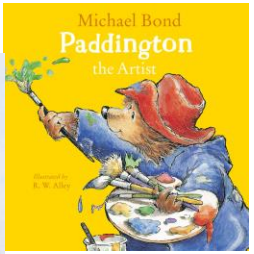
Science
Using bears as our starting point, we will explore animals and their different habitats. Hedgehogs will explore different habitats for different animals and what they need to survive. They will also look at how different animals get their food and explore simple food chains. In Foxes, they will explore what animals eat further using more complex food chains. They will study how different animals are classified and how animals have similar physical features and behaviours.

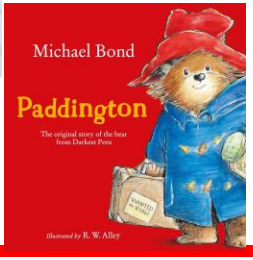
Music, Art and DT
In Art, the children will read Paddington The Artist and use that as a stimulus to study different portrait artists before making portrait of themselves and other. In DT, the children will use Paddington 2 as a stimulus to create their own pop-up cards and books. In Music, the children will sing songs from Paddington the Musical and reading, writing and performing musical notes on the glockenspiels.

Key Texts
These are just some of the wonderful texts that link to our topic which we will use to inspire our learning:









The big questions we will answer
Why is London our capital city?
Why is London built around the River Thames?
What caused the Great Fire of London?

Trips
Foxes will venture to the Tower of London to learn, first hand, about its rich history. Whilst studying the Great Fire of London, Hedgehogs will visit the fire station and have a fire engine visit us at school so the children can experience how it works.