



# Haveley Hey Community School. Growing Outside.

Tuesday 22nd January 2025  
Weather: Dull, cold and raining.

## **Growing Outside**

Children: Year 2.

### Habitats - Homes for nature.

Today Year 2 joined me in the allotment for Growing Outside. We were looking at habitats. The children told me that a habitat is where something lives. Our habitats are our houses or flats, and many of the children's environment was Wythenshawe. Not all people have the same habitat, they may live in huts, tents, bungalows and mansions. If we all shared the same habitat there wouldn't be enough room or food to eat. Just like us creatures have different habitats too.



Birds usually live in nests or bird boxes, these are often in trees or hedges. It's not only birds that live in trees, Year 1 told me that SQUIRRELS, MONKEYS, SLOTHS, KOALAS and BEES also live in trees. Bees and Wasps may build hives in them.

Many other insects

and bugs also make trees their home.

The children also told me that soil is a worms habitat and they come to the surface to eat leaves.



I had some spotter sheets with 24 different habitats, and ways we can help nature on them. The children had to tick which ones the school has.



Year 2 knew that we had BIRD HOUSES we spotted them on the oak trees. We had a look at the



POND, it looked a bit like a swamp. Year suggested to add more water and remove lots of the plants to help it. Under some DEAD WOOD we found, lots of snails and woodlice. Woodlice are not an insect and are actually related to Lobsters and Crabs! They like to stay damp under the wood.



The children also spotted the VEGETABLE BEDS. Spring FLOWERS that were starting to grow, 2 BUG HOTELS, A COMPOST HEAP, SMALL TREES, LARGE TREES and more. We didn't have a BAT BOX in the allotment, but I did have one to show them. Many children were surprised to learn we had bats in the UK. They will visit our gardens at night eating different bugs.



We found that Haveley Hey had lots of the habitats on the sheet. We thought this was fantastic and we were doing a lot to help. The children thought it would be nice to make some



hedgehogs houses one day, so that we can help any hedgehogs that may visit the allotment. We can also plant flowers that attract bugs which hedgehogs will eat.

It may have been a very soggy day but we had some great discussions and learnt a lot about different habitats.

Well done Year 2!

Dawn.