



Back in September the Owl Class met Dr Vivien Kent from Durham Wildlife to embark on the Mammal Web project in our wildlife area. With her help they set up a movement sensing night vision camera. We have been uploading our photos so the scientist running the project can better understand the distribution and abundance of wild mammals in County Durham.

The photos have been of great interest to us too. We didn't realise how many animals visit our wildlife area between dusk and dawn. We have many photos of a very active hedgehog, it has even been spotted on 30th December!





We have also uploaded photos of a hare, rabbits and wood mice, and all this will be valuable information for the project. Our camera regularly picks up visits by domestic cats too.



Birds are not included in the project but we are very interested in the photos and videos the camera has captured. The highlights so far have been a woodcock foraging in the hedgerow and this female sparrow hawk feeding right in front of the camera.



Mr Fox was spotted on 19th January.



The loan of the camera has been a wonderful insight into what happens in our wildlife garden after home time. If you want to find out more about the project and our photos please chat to Mrs Bentley.