



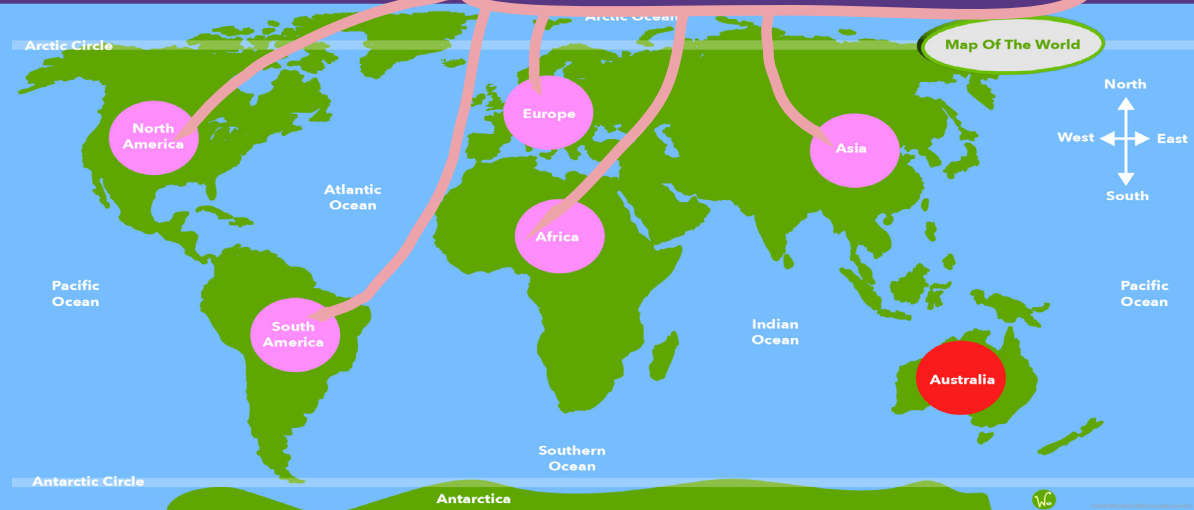
Fun Facts About Me! The Woodpecker

I belong to the Picidae family



Where do I live?

Every continent apart from Australia, and the Arctic and Antarctic polar regions



How many Woodpeckers are there in the world?

There are over **240** species worldwide
3 in the UK

Did you know?..

Woodpecker's claws have 2 toes that face forward and 2 toes that face backwards to help them grip on to trees

Their favourite trees are Oak, Pine and Beech, and they love dense woodland and forests

Their tongue is twice the length of their beak, which helps reach into crevices for insects

Woodpeckers use a variety of sounds to communicate to other birds- these include twitters, rattles and wails



My Life Cycle...

Egg



12-18 days

The Mother Woodpecker sits on the egg to keep it warm until it hatches

Nesting stage



20-25 days

When the egg hatches the parents find insects to feed the baby- the baby remains in the nest

Fledgling



25 days

The fledgling learns to fly and learns to find food with their parents

Adult



2 years

At around 2 years old the adult will leave their parents nest and find a mate of their own and begin nesting

Woodpeckers can live from **2 to 17** years

The Green Woodpecker has a lifespan of **5-15** years