Pangolin Printing Notes

1. Draw pangolin outline on piece of card.
2. Collect leaves and textured materials that look like pangolin scales. You might like to cut shapes from old fabric or packaging. (Aim for fairly flat materials as anything too lumpy might cause problems when printing)
3. Glue down your pieces inside your pangolin outline.
4. You may find it helpful to glue a sheet of thin paper such as tissue paper over the top if the shapes don't stay flat. You also may like to cut the pangolin out and (optionally) stick it on another sheet of cardboard when it is dry (this makes it easier to keep the background white but you may like some background colour).
5. When the glue has dried, seal the image with a layer of varnish. You have now created what we call a "plate". If you want to take many prints from the plate then it is a good idea to apply several layers of varnish so that it is stronger.
6. When the varnish is dry you are ready to print.
7. Roll out some ink on a flat surface.
8. When the roller is evenly coated you can start rolling ink onto your plate. You want a nice coat of ink over the raised areas of your plate but not too much or it will squelch out where you don't want it.
9. Place a piece of paper over the plate and rub the back with a smooth object such as a spoon. Apply more pressure for a stronger image.
10. Carefully peel back a corner to see if it is ready. If not, keep rubbing until the ink has transferred to the paper and hang your print up to dry!