

Year Two

What makes us like other animals?

Writing

Understanding the features of different literary genres. Working on a three week cycle the children will have opportunities to imitate a text taught, then innovate as a class and then independently create their own piece of writing.

Literary Genres this half term include:

A story with a familiar setting -

Traction Man

- Non-chronological report on an animal
- Poems with a structure Riddles - animals

Maths

- Fractions
- Length
- Money

Topic Start

Carnival of the Animals

End event/Visitors

Zoolab – Animal habitats

PE

- Hockey skills
- Tennis skills

PSHE

- Know what their body needs to stay healthy.
- Feel positive about caring for their bodies and keeping it healthy.

Science

Living things and habitats

- Find out about animal life cycles
- Explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead and things that have never been alive.
- Find out about a variety of habitats and the animals and plants that live there.
- Identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited.
- Describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain.

Reading

Our reading lessons will focus on the fiction text Dirty Bertie Fleas! By Alan MacDonald. This term we will be developing our summarising, clarifying, predicting and questioning skills.

We will also be reading a range of texts including:

- Traction Man
- The Cat Who Lost His Purr
- Flat Stanley
- What fun to be a hippo-poems about animals

Computing

- Understand what the term data means and how data can be collected in the form of a tally chart.
- Recognise that objects can be represented as pictures.
- Create a pictogram.

Music

Zootime

- The children will listen and appraise the song.
- They will sing and play instruments, both to improvise and compose.

RE

Easter

Is it true that Jesus came back to life again?

- Learn to retell the Easter story and understand what Jesus' resurrection means for Christians

Geography

- Name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans.
- Find out about key features of the continents of the world
- Find out about hot and cold areas of the world and which animals live in different climates.
- Compare climates in the desert, jungle and polar regions.

Art

Explore patterns and techniques of weaving to make an Easter basket.

Design and Technology

Design and make a diorama of a world habitat with moving animals.

- Explore how movement can be created by using different types of mechanisms.
- Make and evaluate sliders, levers and wheel mechanisms.
- Design and make a diorama with moving animals.