

Paws, Claws and Whiskers

Year 1's Curriculum Newsletter

Big cats, small rats, tiny fleas and buzzing bees!

This half term, we're going to discover that animals come in all shapes and sizes! We'll study animal artwork, draw detailed animal pictures to capture their special features and make collages, sculptures and prints. Famous animal fables will make us laugh, and we will have fun reading them aloud. We'll spot similarities and differences between animals, look at different habitats around the world and investigate camouflage. Designing a zoo is even on the agenda!

At the end of our project, we'll share our work with you! An exhibition of our amazing artwork and performances of animal songs, with musical accompaniment, will allow you to take a walk on the wild side with us. We will also share our knowledge of animals and recite amusing rhymes that may include an animal noise or two!

ILP focus	Art & design
English	Defeating the Monster/Baddie. Fiction text: The Very Cranky Bear by Nick Bland
Maths	Fractions - half and quarters, number to 100 - counting, tens and ones, patterns odd and even, time - o'clock, half past, before, after, next, calendar, money - recognising coins and notes, division and multiplication - equal groups, doubling and halving, continue to add and subtract and counting in 2/5/10
Art & design	Art appreciation, drawing, collage, model making, painting, sculpture, animal masks
Computing	Retrieving images, photography, using presentation software
D&T	Designing labels, designing and making animal enclosures
Geography	Using and making maps, describing physical features
Music	Animal songs
PE	Animal movement and dance
PSHE	Caring for animals
Science	Animals including humans
RE	Wesak https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zh4mrj6/articles/zbsp92p
Rights Respecting	Global Goal 15: Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss.

Help your child prepare for their project

Animals are amazing! Why not take photos of a favourite pet together and describe their habits, likes and dislikes? You could also put bird food in the garden and visit a local park or nature reserve for a spot of bird watching. Make a note of their markings and features then use a simple spotting book or app to identify different species. Alternatively, visiting the local pet shop or petting zoo would allow you to observe a wide range of different animals.

Year 1's Notices

- Practise number facts for numbers up to 10.
- Read with your child every day and ask them about what they have read.

Thank you for all your continued support.

Year 1 staff