

During this term, our theme is:

How are animals adapted to their environments?

Below are the areas that we are covering within the theme.

Curriculum Area	Areas to be taught in school	Possible activities to be done at home
English	<p>As part of our English work this half term, we will be studying The Tiger Who Came to Tea. We will be celebrating the new term with a tea party to respond to the story and create new and exciting experiences within English. We will also be looking at the book 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers. We cannot wait to see their amazing stories!</p> <p>We will continue to teach Phonics daily in class order to improve knowledge of letters and sounds and enable children to transfer this into their writing.</p>	<p>Continue to read at home with your child. We hope to get lots of our children attending the top prize this time!</p> <p>Reading small chunks often is great way to keep up interest in a book and increase a child's confidence.</p>
Maths	<p>This half term we will be learning to tell the time to the nearest hour and half an hour. In order to do this we will be developing our skills by counting up in 5's as the numbers do around a clock.</p> <p>We will begin doing arithmetic tests each Friday. This will involve the children answering a range of addition and subtraction questions.</p> <p>We will be continuing to work on our numbers to 100, looking at place value and how to read and write 2-digit numbers.</p>	<p>Discuss the language around time and timings of daily occurrences with your child.</p> <p>What time do you get up?</p> <p>Lunch time is a 12 o'clock.</p> <p>What time is bed time?</p> <p>Where can you see the time displayed in your home? Mobiles, tablets, on the news etc.</p> <p>Keep counting things you can see around you and reading house numbers, bus numbers and other numbers to may see in everyday life.</p>
Science	<p>This half term our Science focus will be humans and animals. We will be naming the parts of our bodies and what senses they link to.</p> <p>We will be naming a variety of animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. We will be learning the differences between carnivores and herbivores and where these different types of animals live.</p>	<p>Look at pictures online of different animals or new animals that you are not familiar with and find out facts about them.</p> <p>Look at other animals, think of ways to describe them and what group they would be from – birds, mammals etc.</p>
Information Communication Technology	<p>We will be recapping E Safety and how we can stay safe when using a computer phone, tablet etc.</p> <p>We will be using learning how to use a keyboard and type/write using 'Microsoft Word'. We will be focusing on these keys - space, caps lock, delete, back space, arrow keys, enter. This will allow children to gain the skills needed to create an animal factsheet.</p>	<p>Discuss technology used at home and how children can use this safely.</p> <p>Use the internet to play age suitable phonic and maths games or sing along to songs that help us learn.</p> <p>Show your child where the relevant keys are on a keyboard and what they do.</p>

Religious Education	<p>This half term we will be looking at the communities we belong to and what they mean to us.</p> <p>We will be looking at Baptism, other faiths people may belong to and how we can help our community</p>	Encourage conversations at home about the subject. Share your own views and discuss the importance of respecting the beliefs of others.
Physical Education	This half term we will be doing Gymnastics. We will be looking at different ways to move around the hall using the different shapes our bodies can make on a range of apparatus.	Children will need PE kit in school which will be sent home at the end of each half term. We will need appropriate footwear, a white top, black bottoms and something to keep warm if we go outside.
Art	This half term we will be looking at the artist Pippa Hill and recreating one of her famous sculptures. We will be basing our learning outside the classroom to gain inspiration. We will be learning how to make sculptures with clay and use different techniques to create our own sculptures.	Can you create a sculpture at home?
History	This half term we will be looking at how animals are adapted to their environment. We will look at a range of animals from different environments and see how they are adapted to survive. We will continue to improve our map skills and knowledge of the world.	You could create your own fact file from animals around the world.
Music	<p>Music Express- exploring pulse and rhythm.</p> <p>We will be looking at music involving animal sounds and about animals i.e. The Carnival of Animals and the noises made by Noah and the animals on the ark.</p>	Discuss animal sounds with the children and ensure they know the correct sound for each animals. Also discuss different instruments so children become familiar with the names.