



Year 1 Topic Leaflet Spring 2 Amazing Animals



In this science-based topic, we will be learning about the groups that scientists use to classify animals: mammals, fish, birds, reptiles and amphibians. The children will learn to identify the group an animal belongs to by its features and will classify animals according to their group. They will also learn about the different diets animals eat.

In our English lessons, we will be reading the lovely animal picture book, “Monkey Puzzle” by Julia Donaldson, which is the tale of a young monkey who has lost his mummy. He searches through the jungle for her with the help of a friendly butterfly. Using this wonderful text and their science learning, the children will be writing their own narrative about a lost animal, an information text with questions & answers about animals, an animal fact files (Class book) and ‘Guess Who’ animal riddles!

In Design & Technology, they will be using paper weaving for Easter crafts and in Art, the children will create pinch pots with clay. In our RE learning, we will be exploring why Easter matters to Christians and how it is an important story in the bible. We will also be thinking about the importance of forgiveness in PSHE. Our ‘Amazing Animals’ learning also extends into our Music unit, ‘Carnival of Animals’, where the children will have the opportunity to create a composition that has a beginning, middle and end.

We will also have a visit of real life creatures from Crazy Creatures!

English	Fiction: Monkey Puzzle by Julia Donaldson, The Gruffalo, What the ladybird saw . . ., Snail & the Whale, Giraffes Can't Dance Poetry: Daffadowndilly by AA Milne, Furry Bear & Missing by A A Milne, Please do not feed the Animals by Robert Hull Question & Answer Poems, Animal riddles Writing: Narrative Lost Animal story following Monkey Puzzle, Information: Question & answer about animals, Animal Fact files (Class book), Guess who animal riddles Class Reader(s): The Claude collection		
Science	Animals including Humans Seasonal Changes: Spring	Maths	Measure and height Number & place value; Numbers to 40 Calculations addition & subtraction Calculations multiplication
Geography	Countries of the United Kingdom, using a map and/atlas and hot and colder countries according to the equator	Computing	ESafety Coding and algorithms (Scratch Jr)
History	Not this half term	RE	Easter: Why does Easter matter to Christians?
Art	Clay: Pinch Pot	PSHE	Heartsmart: Don't rub it in, rub it out The importance of forgiveness
DT	Paper Weaving	PE	Indoor - Gymnastics Outdoor - Target Games
Music	Carnival of the Animals - Composition		
Home Learning	Must Dos: Reading at home, Spellings Optional 'Extras': Sumdog, Phonics play		