

Brief outline of Learning Journey:

This project teaches children about the animals that live around the world, how to look after animals and the importance of caring for our local and global environments.

Animal Safari



Summer Term 1 2025

English

Some key texts- Dear Zoo, The Lion Inside, A First Book of Animals, Little Red and Very Hungry Lion, Hello Hello and Greedy Zebra

Reading- developing comprehension skills, use pictures and books to explore the themes retell stories using our own words

Writing- writing code/ sentences in drawing club, write facts, riddles, descriptive sentences, draw and write about stories we read and our experiences, make posters.

Main Focus for Topic: To learn about the amazing animals that live in our world, where they come from, what they eat, how they survive and how to care for them. We will also focus on Africa, different habitats and endangered animals.

Mini topic- Creep, Crawl and Wriddle we will explore more about the minibeasts and invertebrates that live in our gardens and local environment.

Music- Sing up scheme, explore animal themed music and songs + weekly singing

PE- Real PE - Monday- sports coaches- team games **Friday-** ball skills- sending and receiving

Maths

Continue to develop our understanding of number counting items, arranging in to sets and groups when counting larger amounts, subitising and using part-part-whole to help see how numbers up to 10 are composed. Continue developing doubling and more/ fewer skills. The children will also use shape, positions and rotation to develop their spatial reasoning.

Expressive Arts

Develop our drawing skills of animals using sketch pencils, create animal home using natural resources, use collage skills to create animal inspired art and masks. We will explore camouflage and animal patterns through printing, paint and weaving.

Forest School, - being safe in the woods and developing forest skills with Mr Orchard (Wednesdays)

Physical Development

Pencil control, develop fine and gross skills, explore outside play equipment, climb, jump, balance, moving energetically, move to music like animals, use scissors to cut a range of materials, develop cutting skills in cooking and letter formation continued.

Understanding of The World

Find out about how to care for pets and other animals, explore which animals live in our school grounds, find out about vets and how animals help us. We will explore the natural world, find out where animal live, what they eat and what features they have. We will focus on the Serengeti and compare it to the UK. Barefoot Computing scheme- patterns, logic and algorithms through exploring their surroundings, taking a journey and making a map.

Communication and Language

Continue to make comments and ask questions, use new vocabulary to talk about our experiences and learning, make comparisons and take part in conversations.

Personal, Social and Emotional- setting goals and being resilient, care for others and our environment,.

Jigsaw- Relationships + Esafety- how we use technology to communicate.

Local links and Exciting experiences- Vet visit tbc

Vocabulary: camouflage, herbivore, carnivore, habitat, endangered, mammal, reptile, beak, scaly, Serengeti, rainforest