

Amazing Animals

Year 1 Spring 1

As design and technologists we will be making animal moving pictures using a range of cutting and joining techniques. We will then evaluate our final picture and say how we could improve it if we were to make it again.

As computer scientists we will discuss how to stay safe online. We will then learn how to copy and paste animal pictures off the internet into a Word Document using mouse skills, and write a caption using our keyboard typing skills. We will also create some animal artwork using the different painting tools.

As artists we will learn how to create different marks on paper using a variety of art tools and make animal pictures.

As scientists we will identify, name, describe and compare a variety of common animals that are birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles and mammals. We will also name and sort a variety of common animals into carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

As geographers we will identify the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles, using world maps and globes. We will look at the habitats in these areas, and how some animals and people adapt to their hot and cold climates.

As readers and writers we will learn how to identify fiction and non-fiction books. We will recognise features of non-fiction texts and then ask questions and find out about animals living in hot and cold countries. We will answer questions and write information sentences and fact files about these animals.

We will also learn about poetry and how some poems rhyme, identifying rhyming words, and perform a poem.

As musicians we will be exploring how to follow the beat using our hands and our body as instruments. We will look at jungle music and how different music makes us think of animals.

As athletes we will develop our ball skills. We will learn how to throw and catch a ball and improve our rolling, hitting and kicking skills.

We will also copy and remember dance moves and link actions together to create an animal dance.

As learners of religion we will be discussing how to be kind to each other and animals, and learn how to look after pets. We will explore our feelings and emotions and read and discuss the story of 'The Good Samaritan'.

We will also look at how people celebrate the birth of a baby in different religions, and the ceremonies that they have.

Other areas of learning:

As mathematicians we will learn number bonds within 20 and use them in related addition and subtraction facts. We will read, write and interpret mathematical statements involving addition (+), subtraction (-) and equals (=) signs and solve one step problems involving addition and subtraction using concrete objects, pictorial representations and missing number problems.

We will use our knowledge of place value to count to 50, forwards and backwards, and from any given number. We will count, read and write numbers to 20 and identify one more or one less than a given number up to 50. We will also learn to count in multiples of twos, fives, and tens.

As citizens of the world we will create New Year's resolution targets, thinking about our strengths and areas we would like to improve.