

Communication and Language

A part of this CLJ theme the children will be encouraged to find out about different habitats and animals, we will be encouraging them to ask 'how' and 'why' questions. There will be plenty of opportunities for children to develop their language and vocabulary as we will be describing the different animals and habitats we encounter. Animals will also be the inspiration for our 'Story World' where children will be making up their own stories.

Physical Development

We will be using our topic as inspiration for some animal based PE sessions, as well as continuing 'Soft Play' to develop the children's gross motor skills. We will be doing lots of work on developing fine motor skills and some children will work on using the correct pencil grip and will be encouraged to write their names correctly as much as possible this term.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will help us to develop a range of different role play areas as part of this topic. They will also create animal masks and use these during sessions to develop their own animal dances. We will sing lots of animal songs and the children will be able to look closely at similarities and differences between animals by doing lots of observational art work.

Who lives in a habitat like this?

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

As part of their homework, children will be asked to share information about their pets which will lead into discussions about caring for animals. The role play area will provide opportunities for children to get better at playing as part of a group. Group games outside will also support them in this.

Understanding the World

We will be learning about different animals and their habitats. As part of this we will explore animal life cycles and food chains, the information we discover will be used to create a class non-fiction book and fact sheets. The children will have the chance to talk about their own pets and make comparisons between different animals.

Mathematics

In Mathematics the children will continue to develop their counting skills and number recognition. We will also be looking at measurements by comparing the size and weights of different animals. The children will begin to find 'one more' and 'one less' than a given number.

Literacy

In Literacy the children will be continuing their work in 'Letters and Sounds'. We will be focusing on segmenting and blending simple words as well as continuing work on letter recognition. The children will visit the school library and share books about animals. There will be opportunities for lots of mark-making and children will be encouraged to help write labels for the role play area and fact sheets about different animals and their habitats.