



Animals around the World



This curriculum map provides an overview of what your child will be learning across the curriculum this half term. Learning will be linked to our focus topic: Animals around the world.

Communication and Language this half term the children will be doing show and tell about their chosen animal. The children will be speaking and listening to their peers and answering questions at the end.

Physical Development the children are all having a turn at using the woodwork bench and sewing equipment. This helps with fine motor control and managing risk. The children will also be starting gymnastics within their PE sessions.

Personal, Social and Emotional skills we will be exploring different emotions through PATHS and twiggle time. We will be encouraging the children to make new friendships, can you invite a new friend to play a game?

Literacy

We are continuing phonics teaching of sounds. The children will be learning phase 3 and this includes the introduction of digraphs (2 letters making one sound). We will be teaching two a week to give the children the chance to apply their knowledge before moving on we will also be continuing to teach tricky words. We will also be continuing to story scribe with the children please look at your child's board to see their progress.

Maths

We will be mostly focusing on shape, space and measure this half term and this will cover comparing lengths, comparing weight, money, shape and time. All of these things can be practised in everyday life at home, cooking covers a lot of these skills. We will be cooking with the children at school too.

Understanding of the world

The children will all be finding out about different animals and their habitats and the countries they live in. The children will share what they have learnt with their friends. We will be learning about Chinese New Year and Chinese culture, the children will be tasting Chinese food, learning a dragon dance and comparing different cultures.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will learning how to use and model an animal with clay. We will also be learning about the story Handa's Surprise and the children will need to use their design skills and understanding of materials to make a basket for her that can carry and hold 2 pieces of fruit. The children will be doing lots of craft activities during our Chinese New Year week where they will be learning lots of new skills.