

Learning Project WEEK 4 - Animals

Age Range: Y3/4

 Weekly Reading Tasks (Aim to do 1 per day) You could share a story together. This could be a chapter book where you read and discuss a chapter a day. Listen to your child read and let them discuss what they have read. Encourage them to read with expression and intonation.
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 Watch <u>Newsround</u> and discuss what is happening in the wider world. Get your child to read a book <u>Scholastic</u>, discuss what your child enjoyed about the book. (org ID: VQG7). Get your child to read a book and ask them questions about what the book was about and the characters. Explore new vocabulary you find when reading. What are the origins of this word? Can it be modified? Can you find any synonyms or antonyms for your new word? With your child, look in magazines, newspapers and books for new vocabulary they are unfamiliar with. They could use a highlighter to highlight in magazines and newspapers
 Weekly Writing Tasks (Aim to do 1 per day) Write an email to a family member telling them all about how their week has been. Design an information leaflet about an animal of their choice. Remember to use headings and subheadings. Write a description of a fictional animal that has just been discovered. Think about what it looks like, where it lives and what it eats. Draw a picture to show what this new creature is like. Write a set of instructions for how to look after a pet. Remember to include what you need and what you do. Write a haiku poem about a bird of prey using information gathered. (<i>Think carefully about a haiku's structure, remembering the number of syllables required lin each line</i>)



Learning Project - to be done throughout the week

The project this week aims to provide opportunities for your child to learn more about key animals they are interested in. Learning may focus on exploring the physical aspects of an animal, their habitat, categorising animals etc.

• Let's Wonder:

Create fact files about deadly predators. Draw pictures of the predators and label them with information they find out. Where does the predator live? Why does it live there? What does it eat? How does it capture its prey? What special qualities do these predators have? Make a <u>food chain</u> to demonstrate why a predator is at the top of the chain. They could make a set of top trump cards using the information they found out.

Let's Create:

Explore the artist <u>Franz Marc</u>. Find out who he was and what type of artist he was. What did he like to create pictures? Look at some of his paintings online. Then choose an animal to draw and add colour to, in a similar style to his. What do they think of his paintings? Did they like their finished piece of artwork? Why?/Why not?

Be Active:

Get out into the garden and make a <u>bug hotel.</u> Go on a mini beast hunt and record what they find. If they find any minibeasts they haven't seen before they could always look it up online. What can they find out about these amazing creatures?

Recommendation at least 2 hours of exercise a week.

• Time to Talk:

Find out which animals are their family members' favourites and

why. Have a family debate about whether zoos should exist? Discuss whether they agree/disagree and why? Do their family members have a different opinion to them? Why not debate whether animals should be kept as pets?

<u>Understanding Others and Appreciating Differences:</u>
 Which animals are considered to be sacred around the world and why?
 <u>Sacred Animals</u>

Who admires cows? Lions? Wolves? Which animals were important to the Egyptians and why?

Additional learning resources parents may wish to engage with

<u>Classroom Secrets Learning Packs</u> - These packs are split into different year groups and include activities linked to reading, writing, maths and practical ideas you can do around the home.

Twinkl - to access these resources click on the link and sign up using your own email address and creating your own password. Use the offer code UKTWINKLHELPS.

Headteacherchat - This is a blog that has links to various learning platforms. Lots of these are free to access. White Rose Maths - Daily Maths lessons This is the same maths scheme that we use in school. They offer free 20-30 minute daily lessons with free resources.

The Body Coach (Joe Wicks) is streaming a live PE lesson Monday-Friday at 9am on his YouTube channel, why not get the whole family to give it a go!

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Don't forget to follow the class <u>Twitter</u> pages for extra information and resources. Our usernames are @NewcomenClass and @RockinghamClass









