

Communication and Language:



- Using stories about animals to inspire our games and role playing.
- Learning new vocabulary we need to talk about animals, including: 'habitat', 'nocturnal', 'daytime', 'carnivore', 'herbivore', 'omnivore' and 'wild'.
- Observing different animals and talking about what we notice about them.

Physical Development:



- Learning to imitate the movements of different animals.
- Learning to use children's knives effectively to cut ingredients for meals.
- Gaining more confidence in balancing on large apparatus during PE.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:



- Thinking about the things we can do to care for animals.
- Imagine how characters might think and feel in the stories we read.
- Blending our own *Pete the Cat* inspired smoothie, with lots of fresh berries.

Literacy:



- Continuing Read Write, Inc phonics sessions, re-capping the Set 1 sounds, reading ditties and beginning to read red ditty books.
- Using our book of the week as inspiration for writing phrases and sentences, including *Oh No! George, Lost and Found* and *Millie's Chickens*.
- Celebrating how much we love reading on World Book Day (3rd March 2022).

Our topic this half term is:

Amazing Animals!



Understanding the World:



- Learning about different animals habitats, including jungles and Artic regions.
- Learning how to group animals according to what they eat.
- Learning about the life-cycle of a hen and chick, just in time for Easter!

Mathematics:



- Using "tens frames" to create amounts such as 8, 9, and 10.
- Finding different numicon pieces that fit together to make 10.
- Using 3D shapes to construct different building.

Outdoor Learning and Special Experiences:

- Ark Farm will be visiting, allowing us to meet many animals a learning how to care for them.
- Different parents and staff members will be bringing their pets in to meet us in Friday "Secret Pet" sessions!
- We will explore some of the different wildlife habitats available in Markfield Park.

Expressive Arts and Design:



- Printing using a real fish to discover the details of its scales, fins and tail.
- Designing our own outfits for a tea party inspired by *Mr Tiger Goes Wild*.
- Creating images of different animals using a variety of media, including paint, collage, mixed-media and junk modelling.