

## St. Anne's Catholic Primary School

### Year 4 Curriculum Information

#### 'Animal Kingdom'

*"Loving God In All We Do."*



#### The 'Animal Kingdom' topic is about ...

The children will be learning about 'Living things and their Habitats' through our English and Science topics. The topic will focus on many different animals and their habitats. There will be opportunities for extensive research on a chosen animal and creation of an information booklet using facts and knowledge learnt. The second English topic is based on 'The Eye of the Wolf' which tells the stories of the dangers that humans impose on animals. In PSHE, the importance of looking after an animal will also be taught through Freddie who is a Cavapoo.

#### Prior learning

- Identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.
- Compare and contrast and begin to consider the relationships between skeletons of humans and other animals
- Identifying and classifying- Record similarities and differences

#### Our current learning

- How to recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways.
- Explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment.
- Recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things.
- How to use and make identification keys for plants and animals
- Make decisions about which information to use from a wide range of sources and make decisions about how to present

#### Vocabulary

**RE**— Lent Holy Week parable sin forgiveness mercy .

**Art and Design**— Sculpture, mark making, expressive drawing, observational, natural materials, constructional materials, 2D, 3D, invention.

**Computing** -Animations, average, bar chart, collaboration, comment, contribution, data edited, email account, format, freeze, icon ,images, insert.

**MFL**—il fait beau, il fait mauvais il fait chaud, il fait froid ,il pleut il neige ,il y a du soleil,il y a du vent,le nord, le sud, l'est l'ouest

**Music**-Music notation, staff notation, tuned percussion, staff / stave, treble clef, lines, spaces, crotchet.

**PSHE** – Responsibility, pet owners, staying safe,

#### **Science**

Habitats, survival, environment, lands, terrain, animals, home, living things, classification, vertebrates, invertebrates, flowering plants, non– flowering plants, ecosystem,



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#### **RE**

This half term, the children will work through the Lenten topic, Desert to Garden. The children will listen to many pieces of scripture that is linked to mercy and sacrifice. Holy Week is full of the virtues of hope, love and faith. The children will link their lives through what Jesus did for us to save us. The children will start their preparation for their First Holy Communion by taking part in the With You Always sessions.

#### **Wider curriculum learning**

In Art, the children will create a sculpture of a bird's nest using a variety of natural resources and based on the work of sculpture Marcus Coates.

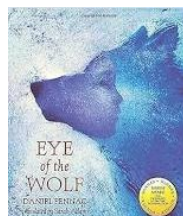
In Design Technology, the children will design and make an Arctic animal toy by using a sewing machine.

In Computing, the children will use online software for documents, presentations, forms and spreadsheets and using software to work collaboratively with others.

#### **We are going to read a range of texts from**

The Eye of the Wolf by Daniel Pennac.

A variety of non fiction books about habitats.



#### **Key dates for this half-term**

**Term dates**— Monday 23rd February—Friday 27th March

**PE Days**— Tuesdays and Thursdays (Both classes).

**Parents Evening**—Monday 9th March and Thursday 12th March

**Lent Mass**—Friday 27th February

**With You Always Programme Sessions**— In School