

St. Anne's Catholic Primary School

Year Knowledge Organiser

'Animal Kingdom'

"Loving God In All We Do."



The 'Animal Kingdom' topic is about ...

...all things animal. In English the children will be reading the poem 'The Owl and the Pussycat' by Edward Lear and then will write their own poem.

Later on in the term will be reading the wonderful animal adventure story 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark' by Jill Tomlinson.

In Science there will be with many opportunities for learning through observation, with the children exploring animals in their habitats and micro-habitats down at our Willow Woods. They will have a visit from the 'minibeast man' to further deepen their understanding of certain animals.

Prior learning

In Year 1 children learned to:

- ♦ Identify and name a variety of common animals and talk about their diets e.g. herbivore.
- ♦ Describe, compare and group animals according to their features, recognising difference in structures.
- ♦ Identify and classify, grouping together animals according to their different features.

Our current learning

By the end of the theme children will:

- Know about habitats in our local area.
- Understand how animals are suited to their environments.
- Identify and describe microhabitats.
- Identify how animals obtain food from their habitats.

Vocabulary

RE

temptation, Last Supper, crucifixion, resurrection, Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Lent Easter, family, fast

Art and Design

Colour, pattern, texture, repeating, lines, print, paint, media, relief, foam, board

Design Technology

explore, investigate, choose, decide, collect, punch, connect, fix, turning, free, fixed, improvise

Science

habitats, suitable, depend, dry/ wet, bright/ shady, warm/ cold, conditions, micro habitats, food chain, producer, consumer, predator, prey

Music

Composer, composition, dynamics, inspiration, pitch, tempo, phrase



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RE

This half term in RE the children will know that Lent is a special time for praying, fasting, and helping others as Jesus taught us to do. They will recognise that Jesus died and rose again. Pupils will learn that Lent is when Christians prepare for Easter by thinking about how they could be closer to God by praying, giving up things that are not needed (fasting), and giving to those in need.

Wider curriculum learning

In Art the children will learn about the Fauvism movement and explore how colour, patterns and texture is used. They will create a collage of animal skin and explore relief print as a method to reproduce animal skins in a more abstract way.

In Design Technology the children will design their own moving minibeast image. During the 'making' process they will explore different mechanisms to make their minibeast move.

In PSHE this half term will continue our theme of 'Relationships': families and friendships, safe relationships and respecting ourselves and others.

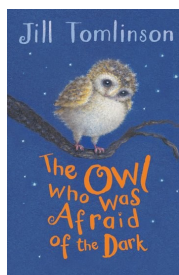
We are going to read a range of texts from



'The Owl and the Pussy

Cat' poem

by Edward Lear



'The Owl Who Was
Afraid of the Dark'

by

Jill Tomlinson

Key dates for this half-term

Term dates— Monday 23rd February— Friday 27th March 2026

PE Days - Wednesday and Thursday

Homework:

Maths— set via MathShed and handed out on paper each Friday, to be completed by the following Wednesday

TT Rockstars—accessed online for a minimum of 5 minutes per week (Jamming mode)

Spelling— handed out each Friday, to learn for a spelling test the following Friday

Reading books—changed each Wednesday