

Off to the Zoo Larks Cluster Sheet



24th February to 4th April
2025

What are we going to be learning?

The hook for a lot of our learning this half term is 'Off to the zoo'. In our literacy we will be sharing and writing some animal poems. We will also use the poem 'There was an old giant who swallowed a clock' by Becky Davies as our performance piece in the poetry recital. Finally we will do some work based on 'Gorilla' by Anthony Browne. In maths we will be learning about position and direction - half, whole and three quarter turns. We will also be further developing our subtracting and adding skills in many contexts and writing equations for them. Our science learning will be about animals and the children will begin to group animals and learn about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores and animal habitats. We will also continue to monitor the weather to understand the seasons. During PE on a Tuesday the children will develop their ball catching skills and attacking and defending. Thursday's PE with Mrs Ingham Thomas will be dancing including some simple country dancing. Our concept for RE will be 'Celebrating new life' in the context of 'Jesus' new life'. In Geography the children will compare the weather and physical / human geography features for the UK and Africa. They will understand that Africa is a continent which is a hot place in the world. In art we will be making fish sculptures inspired by the artists Andrea Butler, Ernst Haeckel, Hoang Tien Quyet. During our computer lessons, we will start to learn how to change sprites and backgrounds on a simple coding programme called ScratchJnr. In music the children will be developing an understanding of pitch, exploring and responding to low and high sounds. The focus for RHE is living in the wider world; What can we do with money?

What will the hook be?

Whole class visit to Marwell Zoo on Monday 10th March

How will we celebrate learning outcomes?

We will learn and perform 'There was an old giant who swallowed a clock' to you and the school at the poetry recital on Thursday 6th March at 2.15pm.

Key Vocabulary:

Geography: Africa, United Kingdom, Europe, zoo, hot, dry, map, near, far, left, right, straight on
Science: herbivore, omnivore, carnivore, prey, predator, habitat
Art: sculpture, 3D

How can learning be extended at home? (Your child will also bring home homework tasks, their current mental maths card and please see the reading record) Please support your child with continuing their routines from the start of the year such as arriving at school on time as well as remembering their book bag, water bottle and coat every day. They will need to come to school on a Tuesday and Thursday in PE kit plus school shoes as they need to leave their trainers in school to be used every day. They will need to have **plimsolls** in their school PE bag at school for gymnastics on a Thursday in the hall. Please make sure long hair is always tied back. Continue with reading routines at home developing fluidity always recording in their diary. Homework will be sent out on a Friday to complete by the following Thursday. Spellings will be sent on a Friday to be tested the following Friday. Please continue to work with your child on their mental maths card and encourage them to do daily Doodle Maths.

Events, trips, visits, visitors to support this cluster of learning and any other notable dates:

Week beg 24/2	Week beg 3/3	Week beg 10/3	Week beg 17/3	Week beg 24/3	Week beg 31/3
Mon: INSET	Book Week Wed: YR 1 vote for favourite Hampshire picture book Thurs: World Book Day - school book swap Thurs am: Visit from One Tree Books Thurs: 2.15pm Poetry Recital in the Village Hall all welcome Fri: Break the Rules Day!	Mon: Class 1 whole day trip to Marwell Zoo	Fri: Comic Relief Fri: Stay and Play	Mon and Tues: Art Day Wed: Class 1 to church experience at our church	Tues: Easter service led by Class 3 at 2.45pm in church Tues and Wed: Parents' Evening Wed and Thurs: Concept Day Fri: Last day of term

