

# Off to the Zoo Wrens 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 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 school poetry recital. Finally the children will write some simple phrases using their growing phonics knowledge based on 'Gorilla' by Anthony Browne. The children have been taught all the phonemes on the grapheme mat (although not every grapheme choice) that you have at home. In maths they will continue to develop their subitising and counting skills and explore the composition of numbers within and beyond 5. They will also begin to identify when two sets are equal or unequal and connect two equal groups to doubles. They will begin to connect quantities to numerals. Our science learning will be about animals and the children will develop their observation skills. 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. 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 look at simple weather differences for the UK and Africa. They will begin to 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 Haekel, Hoang Tien Quyet. During our computer lessons we will be using 2simple to create a digital picture of an animal from Africa. In music the children will be developing an understanding of pitch, exploring and responding to low and high sounds.

## 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, zoo, map, near, far  
Science: food, animals, habitats  
Art: sculpture

**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 dance 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 for Wrens to complete by the following Thursday. Please continue to work with your child on their mental maths card.

## 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 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 Mon - Fri: Come to see Wren's Learning Journal	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