

Understanding the World

The World

In Understanding of the World, children will learn about the wider world, looking at the habitats of different animals. Children will look at the life cycles of different animals and will also be looking at mothers and their young. We will be looking at the different animal groups and completing a range of sorting activities linked to this. We will also be visiting West Midland Safari Park where there will be lots of opportunities to observe a range of real animals and make comments about this.

People and Communities

Children will listen to some Christian stories including 'Noah's Ark'. They will also find out all about St Francis and his love for animals. In addition to this, they will be learning about stories from different Religions and will find out all about Mohammed and the animals.

Technology

Children will use a variety of programs to develop their mouse skill such as drawing pictures linked to our topic. They will also use a simple computer program to transform a picture of themselves into an animal of their choice, thinking carefully about the different features of that animal. Children will also begin to independently log-on using their own username and password.

Maths

Children will look at shapes and patterns in nature and link this with their mathematical learning. They will build their knowledge of number by counting, ordering and comparing familiar numbers. They will continue to use quantities and objects to add or subtract two single digit numbers, counting on or back to find the answer and will begin to learn about place value by partitioning and recombining teen numbers into tens and ones. Using the story of Noah's Ark as a starting point children will count by grouping in 2s and solve problems involving measuring, doubling, halving and sharing.



Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy

Curriculum Overview for Parents

Reception, Summer Term 2

Spots and Stripes!

Literacy, inc Communication & Language

Communication & Language

Children will be encouraged to talk and use story language in a range of role play situations relating to our topic, with a particular focus on animals. They will have the opportunity to imagine and recreate roles and situations in a vet themed role play area where they can imagine they are vets or pet owners. Children will be encouraged to draw on any real life experiences they may have.

Literacy

We will use a range of topic related books as a stimulus for our literacy work, including Spots or Stripes by Vasani Unka, Tadpole's Promise by Jeanne Willis, The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle and The Blue Chameleon by Emily Gravett. The children will have opportunities to write for a range of purposes including a letter, speech bubbles and non-fiction writing. In addition we will continue to develop writing skills and independence as a writer through regular 'news' sessions, including writing a recount of our trip to West Midland Safari Park.

Expressive Arts and Design

Children will be able to create their own animal sculpture and they will also be looking at camouflage, having the chance to explore and experiment with a range of different medias and materials to create their own animal prints which they will then use to help create their own 'camouflage' picture using an animal of their choice.

Children will create different sounds using a range of different instruments, to represent a variety of different animals. They will then perform this to the class who will try and guess which animal it is. In addition children will continue to build on their musical skills, learning how to keep to a rhythm and change pitch and tempo. We will be singing a range of songs linked to the topic and we will also be practising many songs when rehearsing for our class assembly.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Children will continue to build on and increase their confidence. They will have the opportunity to demonstrate this when speaking and acting in our class assemblies. They will continue to treat each other fairly and turn take and will be maintaining their respect to others and their different cultures and beliefs. Our Jigsaw theme for this half term is 'Changing Me'. We will talk about our body including changes over time and how to keep a healthy body and mind.

Physical Development

Children will have fun moving in different ways by moving like a range of different animals. They will also be busy preparing for Sports day and practising a range of races, relays and athletic games such as throwing a javelin, kicking a ball and even the long jump! Children will also continue to develop their fine motor skills during their independent learning.