

# Amazing Animals

This half term we will be learning about Amazing Animals.

As well as developing their scientific knowledge, we will be using animals (live and fictional!) to inspire the children to be amazing authors and write an animal adventure story.

## Hook

At the start of this topic, the children will be encountering real, live animals to inspire their scientific curiosity with the world around them and spark their imagination for their own animal adventure story. This will take place at school on the 1st November in class.

## Outcome

We invite you to come and see Year 2's Animal themed performance on the 6th December at 2:40pm in the hall. The children will come into school dressed as their favourite animal and perform their own dance.

## Trip

We will be taking the children to the Church Knowle Rehoming Centre in Wareham to learn about the care and rescue of animals native to our area. We kindly request a contribution of £5 to cover this trip. Please pay via Wisepay. We would love parent help with this trip, please let your class teacher know if you are available and willing. Many thanks.

## Home Learning Ideas

- Investigate different animals looking at the habitats that they live in
- Cook healthy meals and bring the recipes into school for the children to share
- Investigate what categories of animals there are
- Read at home and write your own animal adventure story



### **Mathematics**

This half term the children will be learning to recognise and solve multiplication and division calculations. They will also begin to tell the time to 15 minute intervals. Finally they will name 2D and 3D shapes and learn to recognise and count the properties of these.

### **English**

The children will be learning how to use different sentence types effectively, such as questions. They will also be using noun phrases to add description. This can then be used in information texts and to write a fictional narrative about an animal.

# Year 2 2nd half Autumn Term 2017

### **R.E.**

This half term, the children will be learning to understand why Christians believe that God sent Jesus to the world and what makes Christmas such a special time of year for them. Our important question will be  
Why did God give Jesus to the world?

### **P.E. and Games**

In PE this half term, the children will be learning the basics of dance including control and coordination. The children will learn how to build and link together a sequence of movements.

### **Music**

In music this half term, the children will be developing the ability to keep a steady pulse through listening, moving and playing to different music. We will also be learning and practising Christmas songs in preparation for the Christmas performance.

### **Driver—Science**

The children will be learning to categorise animals and the importance of their habitats. They will find out about different animals, including humans, and identify their basic needs including the importance of exercise, healthy eating and hygiene.