



Paws Claws and Whiskers

Year 1 & 2 - Spring 2021



Big cats, small bats, tiny fleas and buzzing bees!

This half term, we're going to discover that animals come in all shapes and sizes! Meeting an animal expert will allow us to ask and answer questions, share information about the pets we have at home and write animal information booklets. We'll study animal artwork, draw detailed animal pictures to capture their special features and make collages, sculptures and prints. Famous animal fables will make us laugh, and we will have fun reading them aloud. We'll spot similarities and differences between animals, look at different habitats around the world and investigate camouflage. Designing a zoo is even on the agenda!

At the end of our project, we'll share our work with you! We plan to hold exhibition of our amazing artwork sharing our knowledge of animals.

Suggested text	Puss in Boots – Ladybird; Animal Poems – compiled by Jennifer Curry; Just So Stories – Rudyard Kipling
Memorable experience	Visit from an animal owner
Innovate challenge	Look after a mystery animal
English	Recounts; Fables; Booklets and lists; Instructions; Nursery rhymes and poems
Art and Design	Talking about art; Drawing; Collage; Making models; Painting; Sculpture; Masks and products
Computing	Retrieving images; Photography; Using presentation software
D&T	Designing labels; Designing and making animal enclosures
Science	Animals, including humans; Working scientifically
Science investigations	What is camouflage for? What can worms sense?

Help your child prepare for their project

Animals are amazing! Why not take photos of a favourite pet together and describe their habits, likes and dislikes? You could also put bird food in the garden and visit a local park or nature reserve for a spot of bird watching. Make a note of their markings and features then use a simple spotting book or app to identify different species. Alternatively, visiting any local animals centres, would allow you to observe a wide range of different animals.

Dates for Year 1&2

Date	Activity
Tuesday 5th January	Visit from an animal owner.
15th - 19th February	Half Term
To be confirmed	Sharing of our learning with parents.

