



Rumboldswyke Church of England Primary School

Year 2/3 Curriculum Letter – 2nd half of the Summer Term – Ms Davies

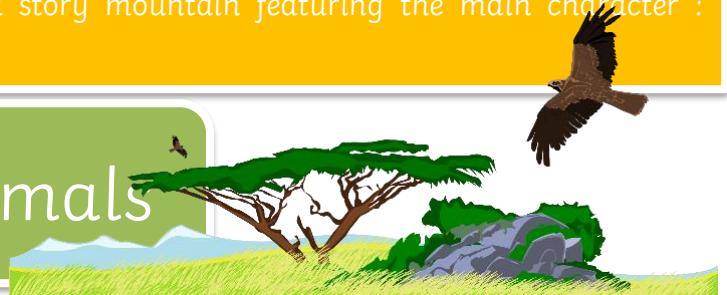
Our Learning Experience this half term is called Carnival of the Animals. On July 5th children will be going to Marwell Zoo to see animals of all classifications. It will be very exciting! Details to follow.

Literacy



Through reading the Meerkat Mail by Emily Gravett, we will be studying grammatical features such as similes, homophones and idioms. Children will be writing their own story using a story mountain featuring the main character : Sunny the meerkat.

Carnival of the Animals



RSHE

We will be exploring the question: How can we look after one another and the world?
As a class the children will think about how kind and unkind behaviour can affect others; how to be polite and courteous, to play and work co-operatively.
Know the responsibilities they have in and out of the classroom, how people and animals need to be looked after and cared for.
How they and others can help care for the environment.
Know how people grow and change and how people's needs change as they grow from young to old.
Know how to manage change when moving to a new class/year group.

Science

Children will recap the classification of the 5 types of vertebrates: *reptiles, mammals, amphibians, fish, birds*
Be able to describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals
Identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants and how they depend on each other.

Music

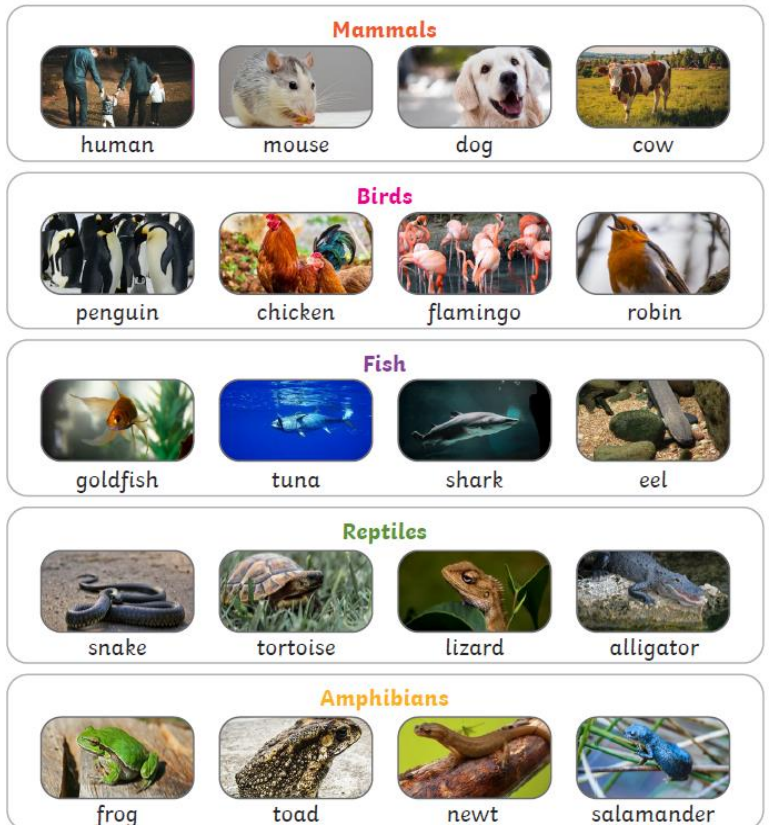
Using meerkats as their inspiration, the children will be creating a mixture of sounds to create an effect. They will use symbols to represent their composition and use them to help during a short performance.

Maths

In our final half term of the school year, along with continuing to work on our times tables knowledge we will be learning about:

- Fractions – halves, quarters, thirds and tenths of a whole.
- Comparing the length, height and perimeter of different objects using cm and m.
- Comparing mass, measuring mass in grams, measuring mass kg, comparing capacity in millilitres and litres.

Key Vocabulary	
amphibians	Amphibians live in the water as babies and on land as they grow older. They have smooth, slimy skin.
birds	All birds have a beak, two legs, feathers and wings.
fish	Fish live and breathe under water. They have scaly skin, fins to help them swim and they breathe through gills.
mammals	Mammals are animals that breathe air, grow hair or fur and feed on their mother's milk as a baby.
reptiles	All reptiles breathe air. They have scales on their skin.
carnivore	Animals that mostly eat other animals (meat) are carnivores.
herbivore	Animals that only eat plants are herbivores.
omnivore	Animals that eat both plants and other animals are omnivores.



Homophones and Near-Homophones

Homophones and near-homophones are words that sound the same but have a different meaning. **here** and **hear** **meat** and **meet**



Simile is a way of describing something by comparing it to something else using like or as. **As cold as ice**



An **idiom** is a saying that doesn't mean exactly what is written, they have hidden meanings.



A piece of cake = Something that is easy to do

Gentle reminders:

- ✓ We have lots of unclaimed clothing – we will place the basket outside at home times for you to check
- ✓ Please can your child have **water bottles and fruit daily**. We are unable to chop any fruit at school.
- ✓ PE happens on a Monday and Friday however; your child will need a named school PE kit at school **every day** just in case.
- ✓ On a Monday, children need to come in to school wearing their PE kit with their uniform and school shoes in a bag.

Ways to help at home:

- ✓ Please encourage your child read regularly, every day, if possible. Ask questions about the text they are reading or that you are reading as a bedtime story. Some examples can be found on the attached page.
- ✓ Practise their minute a day words if they have them.
- ✓ Please ensure all children get a good night's sleep.

Best wishes
Claire Davies