

# Whiskers, Paws and Claws

Big cats, small rats, tiny fleas and buzzing bees. This half term, we're going to discover that animals come in all shapes and sizes, as Shooting Stars are taken on a safari adventure.

Meeting animal experts will allow us to ask and answer questions and share information about the pets we have at home. We'll spot similarities and differences between animals and look at different habitats around the world.

## English

**Big Write:** In our writing we will be looking at all things animal related. We will write a letter to a Zoo Keeper, write a poem about animals and write an information booklet on how to look after a pet.

**Punctuation:** We will be working on our punctuation including using question marks. Also we will look at using conjunctions such as and, but and so, to write compound sentences.

**Reading:** We will continue to investigate texts and build our confidence in answering questions around those texts.

## Science

In Science we will be learning about animals including humans. Exploring and comparing different habitats. Describing and identifying the basic needs of an animal for its survival. Whilst looking at the life cycle of animals and how they obtain their food.

## RE and PSHE

Will be taught by Mrs Taylor every Monday afternoon.

## Geography

The children will identify and describe physical and human features, using maps, photographs and the local area.

## Computing

Ms Ella will continue to focus on developing the children's confidence when using the Chromebooks.



## Maths

**Year 1:** We will be concentrating on how to read, write and interpret mathematical statements involving addition and subtraction. Represent and use number bonds to 20.

**Year 2:** We will be concentrating on solving problems with addition and subtraction using a range of representations. Adding and subtracting two digit numbers and using the inverse relationship to check these calculations.

## Forest School

The children now have the opportunity to do forest school this half term. It will be taught by Mrs Plummer every two weeks on a Thursday afternoon. A letter will come out soon to confirm dates.

## PE

P.E. lessons will take place on a Thursday afternoon and Friday mornings.

Please ensure that kit is in school for these days.

## Art

The children will be developing their printing techniques to create a jungle scene.

They will look at animal markings, concentrating on the varying patterns and colours to make their own creative piece.

## Music

Mrs Chantrill will be teaching music to the children every Tuesday.