



Year 1 Summer Term:

All creatures great and small

As Language Specialists we will be reading the famous traditional tale with an animal focus, *The Ugly Duckling*. We will also be reading some classic texts, written by famous authors with a central animal focus. For example: Shirley Hughes' popular text *Dogger* and *The Secret of Black Rock* by Joe Todd Stanton. Both are excellent texts that give children the opportunity to explore and investigate humans' relationships with domestic pets. As another very exciting project, we will be using our science knowledge and computer skills to help us to create our own non-fiction reports about mini-beasts which will help us to further understand the fascinating world of animals.

As Geographers we will identify and locate different landmarks in Kingston. We will discuss the geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical features of these places. We will also continue to observe and describe the features of a seaside, why it might be different to where we live in Kingston.

As Historians we will be looking at how children's experiences have changed over time, comparing holidays from the past. We will discuss timelines and have an understanding on how to order events chronologically. We are also going to learn about the importance of archaeologists and their contributions to history.

As Scientists we will be learning about domestic animals, common animals and exotic animals - identifying and classifying fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals (including naming carnivores, herbivores and omnivores).

As Design Technologists we will be designing and creating dry-clay mini-beast sculptures.

The Big Idea: What is the biggest and heaviest animal on Earth? Which species has been on our planet the longest? Can animals speak to each other? In this intriguing topic we will be exploring *all creatures great and small* - from the microscopic world of insects and mini-beasts to the gargantuan world of the killer cats and great apes. We will soar the skies with birds of prey and dive into the oceans with exotic fish. We will ask ourselves: Do animals laugh? Why do some animals become extinct? Are humans part of the Animal Kingdom? Join us as we investigate life on Earth and marvel at the fascinating species that live alongside us.

As Mathematicians we will be developing our *fluency in numbers* by revisiting the fundamental skills that are needed to consolidate our understanding of place value, using numbers up to 50. As an extension of this, we will be exploring the different methods used to complete addition and subtraction questions. We will start to explore multiplication by counting in twos, fives and tens. To finish the term, we will be introducing money as a topic and exploring coins and their different values. As always, there will be a heavy focus on number bonds which is reflected in our KIRF topic: to know all of your number bonds within 10.

Across the curriculum

As Athletes we will be mastering basic movements including running, jumping, throwing and catching. We will improve our co-ordination skills. We will also become effective and proficient swimmers.

As Theologians we will be asking 'Who do Christians believe made the world?' and will consider what makes special places sacred to believers.

As members of our community we will be focusing on how to maintain our health whilst also reflecting on how we build positive relationships with others. We will also discuss *changes and transitions*, exploring the concept of growing up.

As Musicians we will be enjoying the wonderful music of *The Jungle Book* soundtrack, composed by George Bruns. We will also be listening to the classical masterpiece *The Carnival of the Animals*, composed by Camille Saint-Saens.

As Artists we will be creating animal collages and prints inspired by the work of Eric Carle.

As Computer Programmers we will be exploring JIT and creating our own animal animations.

Knowledge of the World

Are crocodiles, dragonflies and ants really older than the dinosaurs? We will investigate this incredible possibility.

The Arts and Sports

Are zoos and circuses a good or bad thing? Is it acceptable for animals to perform for human entertainment? We will develop our understanding of these issues.

Enquiry

What does WWF stand for? Who created it? What is its purpose? We will use our research skills to find answers to these questions.

Ambition and Possibilities

Is it possible to communicate with animals? Can humans actually talk to different creatures? Can somebody like *Dr Doolittle* actually exist? We will explore this fascinating concept.