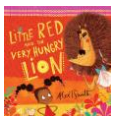
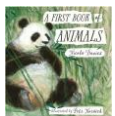


Learning Experience – Animal Safari

In the Animal Safari project, your child will learn about incredible animals that live worldwide. They will explore various animal habitats and compare the animals that live there with animals in their locality. They will learn how to care for pets and what all animals need to grow, survive and stay happy and healthy. They will explore animal features and find out how they survive in the wild. They will compare the ways that animals are similar and different.



Creep, Crawl and Wriggle

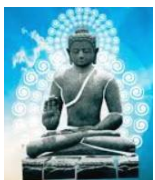
In the Creep, Crawl and Wriggle project, your child will learn about minibeasts. They will observe minibeasts in their natural habitats and create shelters for them to live in. They will learn about the life cycle of a butterfly and explore what minibeasts, such as snails and worms, need to survive. They will compare the features of minibeasts and learn the names of their body parts.



Religious Education – Christianity

Our theme this term in RE is 'Story Time' and we will be enjoying and discussing a different story each week from the religions Buddhism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism and Sikhism.

Our key question is 'What can we learn from Stories?'



Be . Build . Become

Literacy and Understanding the World

We work towards our Literacy and Reading 'Early Learning Goals' through our learning experience topics (this term 'Animal Safari' and 'Creep, Crawl and Wriggle) and we take every opportunity to explore as many books as possible related to them. Here are just a handful of the books that we will be enjoying together this term:

- A First Book of Animals by Nicola Davies
- Little Red and the Very Hungry Lion by Alex T Smith
- Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell
- The Way to the Zoo by John Burningham
- Yucky Worms by Vivian French
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

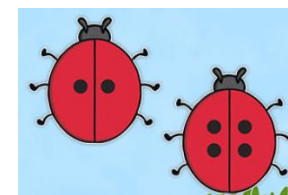
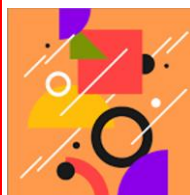


The children will also be continuing to develop their independence in applying their Phonic knowledge to read and to write labels, captions and sentences.

Mathematics

This term, we're focusing on a range of exciting mathematical concepts that will help strengthen your child's foundational skills. We'll start by revisiting **2D shapes**, looking at how shapes can be composed and decomposed. We'll link this to understanding numbers and their parts, like seeing that 7 can be made from 5 + 2. Children will also explore **volume and capacity** through hands-on activities, comparing containers to see which holds more or less.

As the term progresses, we'll delve into **composing and decomposing numbers** within 10, especially focusing on **doubling, halving**, and exploring the concept of **odd and even numbers**. Through fun games, practical sorting activities, and using visual aids like Numberblocks, children will explore how numbers can be made up of smaller parts, which sets the stage for later work in Key Stage 1. These activities will also help develop their sorting and classification skills, supporting their ability to identify similarities and differences in various contexts.



Home Learning Opportunities

- Thread cubes of bread, apple, hard cheese and raisins onto thin wire to make a simple bird feeder – take photos or draw pictures of the birds that visit.
- Draw a picture of your pet or your favourite pet animal and explain how to look after it.
- Use a computer with a grown up to find out some fantastic facts about animals – draw the animals and you're your phonic knowledge to record your facts to make a little book.
- Recreate the patterns of your favourite animals. Zebra or tiger stripes? Peacock feathers? Giraffe patches? Choose your animals and your creative tools!
- Use Google Maps and Google Earth to explore these habitats:
 - Gobi Desert
 - Amazon Rainforest
 - Arctic
 - The Serengeti
 - Antarctica

Useful websites and TV programmes:

- Andy's Safari Adventures:
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b09s2qb6/andys-safari-adventures>
- My Pet and Me:
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/my-pet-and-me>
- Cbeebies RADIO – My Pet and Me:
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03ynn91>
- Google Earth - <https://earth.google.com/web/@0,-0.45851001,0a,22251752.77375655d,35y,0h,0t,0r/data=CgRCAggBOgMKATBCAggBSg0l> ARAA



Phonics

Check your child's purple folder every Friday for their Phonics readers (sound blending books, ditties and readers. Try to hear them read a little every day, they've already mastered reading the texts they've brought home and will be keen to show you what they can do! Don't forget to check our new Parent Portal too for videos from Elly and Fred, Matthew and Friends and more! You can access this by scanning the QR code below. Username: parent@gmail.com Password: Bloxhamisamazing

