

Amazing Animals



In our Amazing Animals topic, children will explore pets, wild, farm and zoo animals and learn about the different habitats they live in. They will develop early reading, writing and maths skills through animal-themed stories, role play and practical activities. Children will enjoy creative art, science investigations, cooking and special celebrations. They will also experience caring for real chicks in the classroom! It's going to be an exciting term!

Language and Communication Llythrennedd a Chyfathrebu

- Daily phonics sessions to practise new sounds, letter formation and blending.
- Beginning to leave finger spaces between words.
- Beginning to more independently write simple CVC words (e.g. *cat, dog, sun*).
- Labelling the main parts of a bird using sounds and words we know as part of our learning on the RSBP's Big Bird Watch.
- Writing a simple fact about our favourite bird and create a class poem.
- Exploring the story *Handa's Surprise* using the Pie Corbett Talk for Writing approach.
- Drawing story maps and writing our own animal stories.
- Reading *Dear Zoo* and writing our own letters to the zoo in the same style.
- Creating a wanted poster and invitation for the Tiger Who Came to Tea.

Maths and Numeracy Mathemateg a Rhif

- Learning all about the number 0 and understanding that zero means 'none'.
- Finding 1 more and 1 less than a number.
- Exploring mass and capacity.
- Recognising numbers 5-10 and exploring the composition using part-whole models.
- Exploring odd and even numbers and recognising doubles.
- Exploring length and height using language such as smaller, taller, longer and shorter.
- Measuring objects using non-standard units (e.g. cubes).
- Exploring time by sequencing events and using sand timers and stopwatches to see how many actions can be done in a certain amount of time.
- Beginning to explore number bonds to 10.

Health and Wellbeing Iechyd a Lles

- Taking part in dance and gymnastics in PE.
- Developing balance, coordination and control.
- Taking part in Dough Disco.
- Taking part in circle times to talk about feelings and learn ways to manage our emotions.
- Learning about friendships and how to build positive relationships.

Religious Education Addysg Grefyddol

- Learning about Epiphany.
- Exploring the story of Jesus welcoming the little children.
- Learning about the story of the Feeding of the 5,000.
- Exploring the parable of the Good Samaritan.
- Learning about the season of Lent and Easter and why it is important to Christians.

Thematic Work Gwaith Thematig

- Learning about pet animals, farm and wild animals.
- Taking part in the RSPB Big Birdwatch and tallying the birds we see.
- Exploring how duck's feathers keep them dry.
- Exploring the different fruits from *Handa's Surprise* – *fruit kebabs*.
- Learning about animals that live in Africa compared to the UK.
- Creating African animal silhouette art.
- Exploring the life cycle of a chick and caring for real chicks.
- Making our own zoo maps.
- Learning about Chinese New Year and tasting Chinese foods.
- Learning about St Dwynwen's Day and Valentine's Day..

What can you do to help me at home?

- Read stories together and talk about the pictures, characters and what might happen next.
- Practise reading/writing simple CVC words (consonant-vowel-consonant words e.g. *sun, pen, cat*).
- Count objects around the house (toys, fruit, stairs, cars).
- Talk about feelings and help your child to describe how they feel.
- Encourage your child to tidy up toys and belongings independently.
- Use every-day routines to practise 1 more and 1 less (e.g. You have 2 biscuits, what is one more?).



Important Dates

- Friday 23rd January 2026 – Big Garden Birdwatch
- Wednesday 11th February – Big Lent Walk for CAFOD
- Wk beginning 2nd March – Parents Evening
- Thursday 5th March – World Book Day
- Tuesday 24th March – Easter Disco
- Friday 27th March – Break up for Easter holidays
- Monday 13th April – INSET day

