

Communication, Language and Literacy

Key Texts/Stories

Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell  
Elmer by David McKee  
Wombat's Diary by Emily Gravett  
We're going on a lion hunt by David Axtell  
The Lion who Wanted to Love by Giles Andrea  
Non-Fiction Animal books and the Internet

What we'll be doing in class ...

Retelling stories verbally  
Writing our Class Animal Information Book

You can help at Home by

Share fact books and story books  
Practice High Frequency Words

Expressive Arts & Creative Development

What we'll be doing in class ...

Recreating Henri Rousseau pictures  
Copying patterns and shapes from nature  
Drawing feathers and birds  
Listening to "The Carnival of the Animals" Camille Saint Sains  
Sunset silhouette pictures

You can help at Home by

Look at the colours in sunsets  
Talk about the music "The Carnival of the Animals" and how it makes them feel and think  
Listen to music and move to music

Important Dates

Vet Visit to Willow Class – this will take place in class; more details to follow

Mathematics

What we'll be doing in class ...

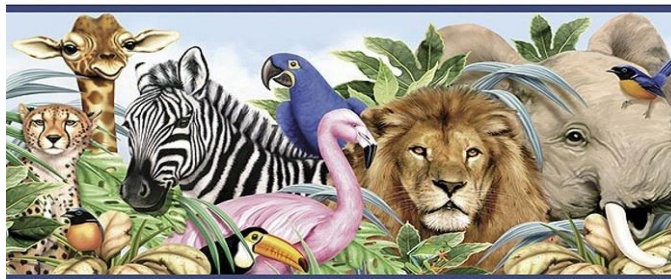
Counting objects out and counting actions to 20 and beyond  
Writing numbers  
Estimating  
Saying 1 and 2 more and 1 and 2 less than a number  
Adding groups of objects

You can help at Home by

Notice numbers out and about  
Encourage your child to count objects and actions  
Encourage your child to estimate

# Carnival of Animals

Willow Class – Year R



Spring 1 2018

Mrs Cheney

Following Saint-Sains' beautiful Carnival of the Animals, we'll be finding out about different animals, including where they live, what they eat piece and about their babies.

Next Topic: Farm Animals and Field to Fork

Personal, Social and Emotional

What we'll be doing in class ...

Talk about our talents  
Compliment our friends  
Learning to compromise and appreciate others viewpoint  
Appreciate the consequences of our actions on others  
Working as part of a team

You can help at Home by

Talk about the effect of behaviour and choices on others

Understanding of the World

What we'll be doing in class ...

Talking about & finding different habitats around the world; Africa, Australia, Antarctica  
Sorting animals into different groups  
British Birds and the RSPB Big Bird watch  
Animals and their babies  
Using technology to find out about animals  
You can help at Home by  
Spot birds in your garden and out and about  
Help your child notice seasonal changes

Physical Development

What we'll be doing in class ...

Moving to Camille Saint Sains "Carnival of the Animals"  
Talking about healthy food choices  
You can help at Home by  
Encourage them in their writing  
Talk about the need for variety in the food they eat

Home Learning Stars

Please complete a home learning star for anything you notice at home so we can include it in your child's journal.

Wednesday, 10 January 2018

Dear Willow Parents,

Welcome back. Christmas seems a long time ago now and our Carnival of the Animals topic is well underway. We've talked about what we'd like to do, so our topic may include some of the following ideas. Ask your child if there is anything else they'd like to include.

paint animals

### Carnival of the Animals

handprint animals

### Our Ideas

draw animals

go to a zoo

make a zoo

dancing like animals, like a swan

Looking up animals so we know what they look like

making animals out of bricks

party

### Special Questions

singing

How do we look after animals?

display

What do animals eat?

funfair

Where do animals live?

How do giraffe necks get so long?

How do butterflies grow their wings?



PE continues to be on Tuesday and Thursday.

I've added more information to our class take away tasks page, to give you an idea of what we've been doing each week.

Many thanks as always for your support.

Mrs Cheney