

Predators Year 3 Curriculum Map

Values: Initiative and Communication

Trip: Visit from a veterinary nurse and an animal company.

Music

During our theme work will explore singing and creating pieces of music based on dinosaurs. The children will also have the opportunity to play the glockenspiel.

English

This term we will be writing for a range of purposes, closely linked to our theme. We will be writing our own explanation text linked to our work in science and taking part in a debate about whether or not animals should be kept in zoos. We will also be exploring stories from other cultures and writing our own stories based on these. In addition to this, we will be exploring poems containing figurative language and looking at how plants and animals are described in poems. It is vital that children read daily at home and school to further develop their vocabulary.

Maths

We will spend this term focusing on multiplication and division, measures, statistics and fractions. We will be developing fluency and extended our knowledge of being able to apply, reason and problem solve. In the first half term we will concentrate on using and applying our multiplication and division knowledge, adding and subtracting amounts of money as well as giving change and in the second half of the term we will concentrate on reading and creating bar charts and graphs and interpreting the results. The final area we will explore is fractions. Our times tables focus will be on learning 3, 4 and 8 times tables so that we can rapidly recall both multiplication and division facts with increasing confidence.

Design and Technology

We will be looking at the effectiveness of different pieces of design work that uses collage and textiles. We will be selecting and using a range of materials to create pieces of collage work related to predators. During the unit we will also be completing a large cooperative piece of design work.

Physical Education

On a Monday we will be exploring the skills required for net, wall and ball games. On a Friday we will be learning about and developing our skills in gymnastics and using the equipment safely and with increased confidence. Please ensure your child has their full PE kit in school all week. If they wear earrings and are unable to remove these themselves, could you ensure these are not worn on PE days.

Geography

This term we will consolidate our understanding of continents and further our understanding of maps and locate a variety of countries to support our understanding of where a variety of animals live.

Science

Our theme will be heavily science based. We will be exploring the life of a predator and looking at food chains. We will explore dinosaurs from the Jurassic era and look at how fossils are formed. Following on from this we will explore the components of plants and how they transport water around their structure. We will then finish the theme by exploring our own skeletal system and comparing it to other types of animals.

Religious Education

Our RE lessons will explore when and how faith and belief affect people in their lives. We will also explore Lent.

