Carnival of the Animals

Yr 2 -Ash Class

MUSIC
Learning to play the recorder.
Weekly singing, including songs related to our topic and/or tuned or un-tuned percussion playing.
Exploring pitch.
African drumming session.

EDUCATIONAL VISITS/ OUTCOMES

Visit by the Cambridge African Animal Group.

African Drumming – learning to play the djembe drums.

P.E
Dance – with a Carnival of the Animals theme.
Entry for the KS1 Dance Festival.
Swimming – professional instruction at Harlow Leisure Pool.

HUMANITIES

In history we will be looking at our own Family Trees
We will also look at some famous people linked to our topic eg Scott of the Antarctic
Our geography will involve making comparisons between the UK and a different climate – Africa.

Computing and Science

'Scratch' computer programme
2Simple2Create – a story writing programme where the children have the opportunity to create special animated effects.
Word processing.
Story Book making using a power point programme.
Creating simple algorithms. Programming BeeBots.
E-safety reminders.
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Animals in their habitats – including individual presentations about endangered animals.
Materials and their properties (in relation to hot and cold climates).
Observations over time - looking at the development of plants and what they need to grow.

ENGLISH
Our class book is Meerkat Mail by Emily Gravett. We will be using the text and learning the story through the 'Talk for Writing' model. Other written genres will include, postcard writing, diary writing, poetry, book review, non-fiction explanation writing, non-chronological reports and recounts.

Regular grammar, spelling, handwriting and punctuation work will be on-going. Everyone is encouraged to read a wide range of genres and we always have a class story.

Religious Education

Special Places of Worship – including Islam and Judaism.

The story of the Mustard Seed
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MATHEMATICS
We try to make our lessons very visual and practical and from time to time this means using the outdoor classroom areas.
Learning to count forward and back to 100, our times tables (2s,3s, 5s, and 10s), place value of tens and unit numbers, and practical and written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division is a big part of our learning. In addition the children will have plenty of practical work exploring shape, space, measures, investigating fractions and handling data.

ART and D.T
African art – necklaces
Observational drawing of animals/camouflage.
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Cooking - East African flat bread.
Construction – creating a shoe box habitat.