# **English**

# Class reading books/Dancing Bears activities and individualised handwriting activities - on going.

- Writing a letter/postcard activities to encourage people to look after the planet and the creatures within it. (Dear Green Peace- The Snail and the Whale)
- Descriptive writing. Describe a mini beast/mythical creature/alien being/favourite animal.
- Learn, explore and write poems What is it like to live as a worm/caterpillar. -
- Persuasive writing/Debate issues -The use of palm oil. Write to persuade big chains like Tesco not to use it.
- Re-writes e.g. Literacy Shed clips/ popular children's stories.
   The Bad Tempered Lady Bird/ Very Hungry Caterpillar/ Brown Bear Brown Bear/ Monkey Puzzle.
- Use a description of an alien being as a story starter.
- Use various photographs of creatures as a story starter.
- Age and ability focussed reading comprehensions.
- Reading and story writing apps on I pads (to be explored.)
- Topic related handwriting activities.

#### Science

- Observational drawing of mini beasts and other animals.
- Categorising /classifying/ sorting animals and mini beasts.
- Bird spotting and identification.
- Cookery activities-Bird feeders/ Bug and spider cakes/ Hedgehog rock cakes or bread rolls. Alien ice cream/
- Under the sea water play activities.
- Making mini beast homes/habitats.
- Woodlouse search and study.
- Growing and gardening activities.
- Study of arctic and rainforest animals/similarities and differences. (not completed last term)

#### Curious Creatures.

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### Physical Development

- Fine motor skills. Cutting, sticking and other art and craft related activities/ finger gym activities,
- Various puzzles and peg boards.
- Gross motor skills. Forest School activities/ parachute games/outdoor games
- Gardening activities on-going.

#### Art/DT

- Drawing animals/mini beasts/aliens and robots.
- Design and make a bottle mini beast.
- Collages depicting different insects/animals/aliens/robots.
- Making wire and tissue paper butterflies.
- Research needs and living environment and then design and make a home for a chosen animal.
- Mindfulness colouring and paper craft activities during free choice sessions (on-going)
- Experimenting with different techniques to create animal pictures (colour washes, splattering etc
- Marbling ink pictures. (not covered last term)

## Music

- Listen to and respond to music and stories for reflection and relaxation.
- Use percussion instruments to interpret different types of annimals and their movements. Recreate a short 'animal story' using voice and percussion. (The Very Hungry Caterpillar)

#### Maths

# Mathematics work based on individual targets will take place weekly (individual work booklets.)

- Estimating and weighing and other practical maths skills used when cooking. (on-going)
- Days of the week, time to the hour on-going.
- · Daily change of weather board.
- Scale work. / Co-ordinates and grids.(see map work geography)
- Research, plan and budget to make your own mini beast themed cakes.
- Bird spotting tally chart./graph making
- Mini beast leg counting activities.
- Making robots from 2D and 3D shapes.
- Individual maths activities on ipads.
- Money / shopping activities. (links to cookery activities)

## Geography (see all other subjects)

- Where on a world map would we find different animals. Exploring maps. Labelling. Keys. Scale etc.
- Recreating different habitats suitable for certain animals.(see links with science)

#### Computing (ipads on Fridays)

- Getting to grips with new I pad technology in the school.
- Use for research purposes. Researching animals and their habitats.
- Creating picture collages and PowerPoints Presentations to present findings.
- Independent use of individual ipad activities.
- Watch video clips of interest/robots/ animals in their habitats/ UFOs/ etc.