

## Willows - Term 3 & 4 - I am a Zoologist and Animal Alphabet

We are exploring and learning all about animals, their habitats and classifications through poetry, narratives and non-fiction animal books. We are listening to, performing and writing our own rhyming, descriptive and acrostic poems in the style of Michael Rosen's *Down Behind The Dustbin* and *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* as well as the *Caterpillar* poem by Christina Rossetti. To further develop our ideas for writing information, facts and glossaries about animals we will also be reading Handa's *Surprise*, *The very Hungry Caterpillar*, Anthony Browne's *The Zoo* and Rudyard Kipling's *The Jungle* book and *Just So* stories.

Continuing our *Animals Including Humans* through science we will be exploring, identifying, classifying and researching animals with David Attenborough and looking at human body parts, senses and keeping healthy. Taking our science topic through maths we will be using information about animals and humans to sort them into groups using Venn diagrams and bar graphs.

Our geography also includes discovering where in the world animals come from and further exploring the similarities and differences in continents and countries looking at their habitats as well as programming Beebots using directional language.

Extending our topic further through the arts, we will be looking at a range of artists including Emma Hack, Desiree Palmen and Henri Rousseau and his *Tiger in a Tropical Storm* painting and we will be developing our skills using space, colour, pattern and camouflage.

Through Music and dance we will be listening to *The Carnival of The Animals* and exploring what musical instruments can be used to represent the different animals and different ways in which animals move about.

The independent homework this term will be about *Animals including humans* and you can choose any animal or lots of animals to do your presentation on. Further information on this is included in a separate letter.