

# Welcome to Year 2!

This first term our topic will be 'Carnival of the Animals' and will include a visit to West Midlands Safari Park, Please look out for further information.

We will also be putting on our nativity performance towards the end of the term.



## Science

Our topic begins with looking at different types of animals and what makes them suited for the different environments that they live in. We will be looking at life cycles of animals including humans and also learning about food chains.

## Music

Music lessons will be taught to both classes on a Tuesday afternoon by Mrs Evans who is a music specialist.

## DT and Art

We will cover a lot of art this term looking at work by Eric Carle and Van Gogh, we will also be creating aboriginal artwork when we look at animals from Australia. In DT the children will be designing and making their own animal puppets learning about different methods of joining components together including sewing.

## Phonics

Children will have a 20 minute phonics lesson every day focusing on reading and spelling patterns.

## Geography

We begin our topic by looking at the different continents of the world and being able to find them on a map. We will focus on the physical features and the different climate and weather patterns in the different continents. We pay particular attention to Africa and Australia.

## Computing

The children will use the computers to write stories and create multi-media presentations based on the animals we have been learning about. They will also learn about staying safe online.

## Literacy

In literacy this term we will have an initial focus on non-fiction and writing reports and explanation texts.

We will also be looking at traditional tales from other cultures as well as stories with repeated phrases such as 'Farmer Duck'. We will also be writing poetry and developing our spelling, punctuation and grammar skills.

## PE

Indoor PE will be taught by Mrs Sollom to both classes on a Tuesday afternoon and will focus on developing gymnastics and dance skills. Outdoor PE will be on a Friday looking at football and netball skills. Please ensure PE kits are in school all week and are returned if children wear them home after a club.

## RE

The children will be learning about different Special books and Special ceremonies.

### Maths

Daily maths lessons will follow the Collins Busy Ant maths scheme and will incorporate weekly problem solving and using and applying skills. Please look out for the booklet outlining in more detail what the children will learn this term.

### Guided reading

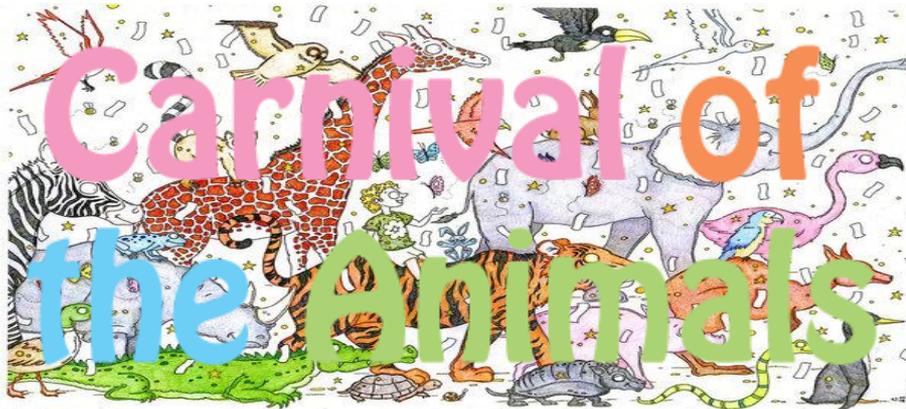
Over the week your child will read to the teacher and, where possible to another adult. They will be sent a reading book home which the children will need to read to an adult. Please do comment in the reading diary about how they have read. During the guided reading sessions children are expected to work very independently to answer comprehension questions and to apply phonics skills to complete activities. Please ensure their reading book and diary is in school every day.

### Handwriting

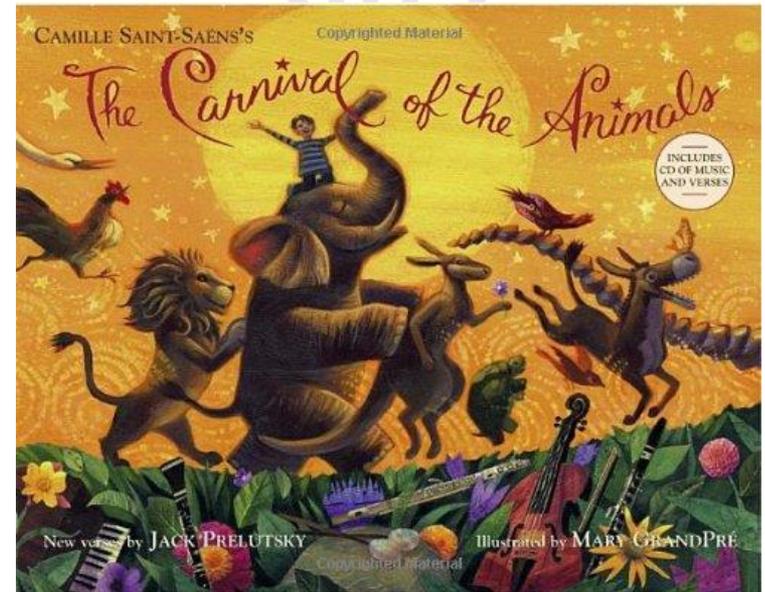
Each week the children will learn about joining different letters linked into the sounds they are learning in phonics. We are working towards all the children writing in a joined style.

### Other important information

Please ensure your child is in school promptly each day as they start the day with morning work which will focus on basic literacy and maths skills or making corrections in their books.



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### The year 2 team:

Mrs Sollom  
Mrs Robb  
Miss Parker  
Mrs Lea  
Mrs Ordidge