

Pupils will learn

Children will learn about animals and their different environments.

Overview

Week 1: Pets. Talk about animals that are suitable pets and how to look after them. We will share experiences of the pets we have.

Week 2: Farm Animals. Talk about the type of animals that live on a farm and the job of a farmer and his helpers.

Week 3: Jungle animals. Find out what kind of animals live in the jungle and why. What interesting facts can you find out about them?

Week 4: Animals in the cold. We will find out how animals that live in the cold keep warm and what it is like in cold places.

Week 5: Extinct animals. We will talk about dinosaurs and discuss whether they are real. We will find out when dinosaurs lived on the planet. A trip to the Dinosaur park to spot the dinosaurs on the trail.

Week 6: Chicks and eggs. Talk about eggs and new life.
How does it feel to give and receive?
Talk about the meaning behind Easter eggs.

Home Learning Ideas

- Can you bring in a picture of your pet to talk about?
- Visit a pet shop.
- Sharing non-fiction books.
- Talk about what makes a good pet and how to care for it.
- Visit the zoo.

Other ideas

- Can you name any dinosaurs?
- Share books in the library about animals.
- Talk about how animals keep warm in the cold.
- What is camouflage?

Books to share at home

- The Great Pet Sale.
- Giraffes Can't Dance
- Animal Boogie
- Dear Zoo
- Elmer

Inquiry Questions

- How do we know that dinosaurs existed?
- How do vets look after our pets?
- Can you name baby animals eg cats/kittens?
- Why are Polar bears white?

Further Information

- Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school every day.
- Children also need PE kits in school.
- Can you make sure your child arrives on time as it is unsettling if they are late.
- Finally, could you please send your child in with their book bag everyday.

Key Vocabulary

Pets	An animal suited to living domestically.	Tame	An animal that is safe to mix with humans.
Farm animal	An animal that lives on farmland.	Domestic animal	An animal that lives safely with humans and relies on them for food.
Jungle animal	A wild animal that lives in a jungle.	Wild animal	Not tame and lives on it's own without the help of people.
Extinct	A species that is no longer on the Earth.	Camouflage	To be hidden in your surroundings.
Zoo	A place where animals are kept in enclosures for people to study safely.	Trough	A container for animals to eat out of.
Fossils	The cast of an animal inside a rock.	Barn	A large farm building.
Habitat	A home for an animal.	Field	An area of land.
Vet	An animal Doctor.	Rural	In the countryside.
Fur	A covering on the outside of some animals' bodies.	Paws	An animal's foot with claws or pads.

* Words in grey are Tier 2 (non-topic specific) vocabulary