# Paws, Claws and Whiskers



Class CM Year 2

PE days - Tuesday and Thursday

#### unlocking the learning

Unlocking the learning at home - It is really important that children have the opportunity to use what they learn in school at home.

Get reading - Collect some 'Amazing Animal Facts' about fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals and write down the most interesting facts.

**Get exploring** - Locate on a world map or globe where all your favourite animals come from in the world.

**Get creating** – Follow instructions to make a bird feeder for your outdoor area. Then watch out for bird visitors.

### Numeracy. We will be covering...

This half term, the children will be developing data handling skills. These include using tally charts, pictograms and block graphs to present information.

We will continue to teach number bonds and early times table skills. The children will learn how to solve simple problems using multiplication and division.

To help your child at home, please encourage them to read the time on a range of clocks and use 'real life' mathematics such as money in shops and sharing out toys and equipment equally.





Topic. We will be covering...

In Class CM the children will be focusing on the topic 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers'.

During Science we will be identifying whether an animal is a carnivore, herbivore or omnivore and labelling basic parts of the human body including those related to the senses. This half term we will be making and creating lots of pictures and models of animals through a range of techniques such as collages, models and pictures.

In P.E we will be looking at and creating our own animal dance sequences.

#### Please ensure that:

Your child has their PE kit in school — it is important for children to take part in PE for 2 hours every week. If they do not have their PE kit then your child will receive a letter home asking you to provide them with suitable clothing.

Your child reads at home daily — please keep up with the reading at home as it will help develop imagination for writing, underpin Phonics and help with spelling.

Thank you for your support and we hope to have a great term with you all.

## Literacy. We will be covering...

During Literacy this half term we will begin to write in different forms such as stories, lists and captions using story language. The children will use an increasing range of connectives and develop their understanding of speech in writing. They will also be developing their sentence writing by composing a sentence orally before writing it, re-reading their own work and editing effectively. They will become familiar with terms such as verb, adverb, noun and adjective.

DURING THIS TOPIC WE WILL BE LOOKING AT A RANGE OF ANIMALS. IF YOU HAVE ANY PETS OR INTERESTING ANIMALS WITHIN YOUR FAMILY WHICH YOUR CHILD MIGHT LIKE TO SHOW THEIR CLASS, PLEASE CONTACT THE CLASS TEACHER TO DISCUSS THE MATTER FURTHER.