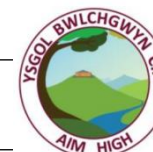




Early Years: Topic Web Autumn / Winter Term 2026



Languages, Literacy and Communication

RWI - phonics. Writing - mark making, letter formation
Focus books - Owl Babies, The Zoo Vet, The Great Pet Sale, Elmer, Dear Zoo, Giraffe's Can't Dance, Rumble in the Jungle
Songs and rhymes linked to animals and animal noises
Asking and responding to questions - Which animal am I?
Animal WordCloud - adjectives to describe
Animal factfile . Researching and presenting
Family pet/favourite animal- show and tell - write description
Design and label own animal - link 'Flip Flap Jungle' book
Rhyming - 'Oi Frog' book / 'Never Shake a Rattlesnake' book
Circle time- speaking, taking turns, listening to others, discussion. News / Recounts
Remembrance Day - Prayer writing. Christmas - Letter to Santa
Welsh / Helpwr Heddiw -Tywydd - (weather), Anifeiliaid (animals) Rhifau (numbers) Lliwiau (colours). Conversation

Expressive Arts

Making bird feeders / hedgehog houses- Autumn/ Winter
Artists -Marc Chagall / Franz Marc - Artwork inspired by
Exploring animal sounds in the environment.
Musical instruments - Recreate an animal story using sound effects - Tempo, pace, high low sounds.
Animal prints / pattern / textures
Animal craft - Animal Masks / Junk model animals
Acting out a role - Pet shop / Vets / Santa's workshop
Autumn craft / Harvest songs. Diwali - Rangoli patterns, diya lamps. Firework art work - Bonfire Night / Christmas craft
Christmas plays-Nativity(Nurs)/A Mouse in Santa's House (Rec)

Science and Technology

Sequencing animal life cycles. Frogs / Chicks
Habitats - where animals live
Classification of animals - mammals, birds...
Eating habits - carnivore / herbivore / omnivore
Animal babies - names, egg / live birth
Chatterpix - Animating an animal
Use of ipad - touch screen / typing



Amazing Animals

Humanities

Animals around the world / Native animals
Hibernation / Migration - nocturnal animals
Seasonal changes - Autumn / Winter - sensory walk.
Weather - Clothing linked to seasons
Winter - ice melting into water
Remembrance Day. Bonfire Night. Diwali.
Harvest. Christmas story.
RE - Noah's Ark

Maths and Numeracy

Number / Counting / Ordering / Estimating
Counting in 2's (Noah's Ark)
More than / addition
Venn diagrams -Sort animals by type/features
Measuring length / height / weight - direct comparisons of animals
Pattern - animal prints
Temperature - hot / cold - link to habitat
Data Handling - Tally charts / Bar charts - favourite animals.

Health and Wellbeing

Independence in personal care / hygiene
Learning rules and routines
Growth mindset - developing a can-do attitude
PE - 'Real PE' - Fun in the Jungle / Squirrel/ Cat. Animal movements
Outdoor Learning / Wellies in the Woods
Pollution - litter - impact on wildlife
Helping / looking after animals - role of a vet.
Animal needs. Respect and care for animals.
RSPCA / animal charities
How animals help humans - guide dogs for the blind etc. Working animals.
Remembrance Day

Extra-Curricular Learning:

Trips - Wrexham Library / Pantomime. Vet Visit

Activities are differentiated according to ability. Nursery will participate in some of these activities. Our approach is flexible and led by the children's own interests therefore these proposed activities may change.