



Lanchester EP Primary School



Year 1

Spring 1 Topic: **Paws, Claws and Whiskers**

Soft fur, sharp claws and twitching whiskers. What's your favourite animal? One that meows? One that barks? Or maybe one that scurries or slithers? From pets at home to animals in the zoo, let's find out what animals like to eat and where they like to sleep.

This half term, we're going to discover that animals come in all shapes and sizes! Meeting an animal expert will allow us to ask and answer questions, share information about the pets we have at home and write animal information reports. We'll study animal artwork, draw detailed animal pictures to capture their special features and make collages. Famous animal fables will make us laugh, and we will have fun reading them. We'll spot similarities and differences between animals, look at different habitats around the world and investigate camouflage. At the end of our project, we will know all about the 7 continents of the world and which continents some big cats live on. We will have completed some fantastic science investigations and learnt about animals from all over the world.

Help your child prepare for their project

Animals are amazing! Why not take photos of a favourite pet together and describe their habits, likes and dislikes? You could also put bird food in the garden and visit a local park or nature reserve for a spot of bird watching. Make a note of their markings and features then use a simple spotting book or app to identify different species. Alternatively, visiting the local pet shop or petting zoo would allow you to observe a wide range of different animals.

English text The Tiger Who Came to Tea - Judith Kerr; Dear Zoo - Rod Campbell; Just So Stories - Rudyard Kipling

Memorable experience Visit from Crazy creatures North East

English Information texts and Tiger who came to Tea story.

A&D Drawing; Collage; Making models; Painting; Sculpture;

Computing Programming; moving a robot to a destination.

D&T Designing and making animal enclosures

Geography Using and making maps; The 7 continents and the 5 Oceans. Comparing habitats.

Music Pitch; making high and low sounds. Repeating simple melodies and learning how to write musical notation.

PE Cricket and Gymnastics.

PSHE Keeping Safe – Includes Sleep, Who can help us?, Sharing pictures and Getting lost.

Science Animals, including humans; Working scientifically

Science investigations Can you leap like a frog? What is camouflage for?

