



Curriculum Newsletter



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Topic

Welcome back to a new year! We're delighted to welcome you all to the first half of the autumn term where we are working through remote learning to engage the children in our topic of Predator.

This term we are covering the amazing topic about Predators and land use across the world and here are some of the things we will be doing:- learning about predators, studying the world through atlases and Google Maps to learn about biomes and creating fact files about these things.

English

How can you help your child in English?
Here are some great ideas

Talk to your child about the book you are reading, are they enjoying it? Have a go with them using Rising Stars Reading Planet and complete the quizzes about the books.

Ask your child to select the noun, verb, adjective, adverb and conjunction in the sentence you have just read.

Talk to your child about what type of book they are reading. For example, is it a fiction book or a non-fiction book? We are going to be using atlases this year. What countries can they find?

Ask them to describe the features that tell you how they know this. For example, contents pages and index for non-fiction and characters and chapters for fiction books.

Maths

How can you help your child in maths?
Here are some great ideas.

Tables continue to be a priority. How well do your children know their times tables? Year 3 children should know 2, 3, 4 and 8 times tables. Remember to encourage your child to use Times Tables Rockstars regularly to help support them.

Help your child to develop their quick mental skills, so what is 3+13, or 15+6? Remember subtraction too.

Ask them about shapes in the environment. Can you find a square, circle, pentagon? Show me and tell me why it is a pentagon.

Also ensure your child knows the value of the digits in a number so 167 is one hundred, six tens and seven ones. Try asking what is the tens number before or after? What is the hundreds number before or after?

PE Sessions

PE lessons will be on Wednesdays and Fridays in school with one class doing forest school every half term. Please ensure your child comes in dressed suitably for the activities.



Home Learning



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Unlocking the Learning

We are looking forward to receiving some fantastic examples of home learning. We believe it is very important that every child has the opportunity to engage with learning at home. If you have any problems or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us via email above or epraise.

The project for this half term is "Predator". We look forward to seeing the results and would like all the children to share their work in school or via email so that we can share and celebrate each other's talents before the end of term. Thank you for your continued support.

Writing	Research	Creative
Make a mini fact file or short PowerPoint presentation about your favourite predator and bring it into school to share with the class.	Why not visit the local library to find non-fiction books about predators. Look for information using contents, glossary and index pages. Write down any new facts you have learnt and bring them to share with the class.	Why not make your own non-fiction book about a predatory animal- maybe your pet cat? Include lots of lovely illustrations in your book.
Why not make your own non-fiction book about a predatory animal- maybe your pet cat?	Under each sub group of predators list five or more examples and find facts about them. Choose from the sub groups mammals, birds, crustaceans, insects, arachnids, reptiles, fish and plants.	In the wild predators camouflage themselves to help them hunt their prey. Can you create a piece of artwork to show this? Remember to make it hard to see the predator in its surroundings.
Can you devise a 'What am I?' quiz about predators for the class to solve? How many questions will it take for them to get the right answer?	Predators are top of their food chains. Research a food chain for a predator of your choice. You can write it, draw it or complete it on the computer?	Learn how to spell the names of weird and wonderful predators of the world. The weirder the better!