



Habitats Research Project

Key Learning:

- *To develop knowledge about different animals, their habitats and what they need to survive
- *Practice researching skills
Activity
Children will create a fact file about an animal of their choice.

Success Criteria:

- *Choose an animal that interests you
 - *Research information about that animal: What does it eat? Where does it live? What special features or qualities does it have?
- *Use your notes from your researching to plan what information you will include in your fact file.
 - *Include a diagram or labelled picture about the habitat that animal lives in.
- *Decide how to present the information
 - *Create your project

Ways to help:

- *Help your child with carrying out research online, visiting the idea store.
- *Question them about what they have read to help them understand.
- *Help them plan out their projects
- *Help them manage their time, we suggest spending 1-2 nights researching 1 day planning and 2-3 days creating their project.

Deadline: Friday 18th May 2018

If you have any further questions about this research project please speak to your child's teacher.



OLD PALACE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Year 2 Newsletter Summer 1

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Welcome back to the Summer 1 term in Year 2. Below are some notes and reminders so that this year runs as smoothly as possible. [Please take time to read the newsletter with your child and keep it in a safe place.](#) If you have any questions or require any help or support, please speak to any of the team before school from 8.55am.

School times / attendance

School starts at **9:00am** and end at **3:30pm**.

Make sure your child is ready for school and comes in everyday. Please arrive at school around 8:55am to be ready and inside for a 9:00 start. At the end of the day please pick your children up promptly at 3:30pm.

Notes and reminders

PE—Year 2 PE is on Monday and Wednesday. Please remember to send your child's PE kit in and make sure your child brings in a water bottle at school to stay hydrated. This half term in PE we will be looking at dance. We will look at different throwing and catching skills and children will be learning how to play handball. As the weather is getting warmer children may want to include shorts and t-shirts in their PE kits but please remember to pack a pair of sock to wear inside their trainers.

School trip

This half term we have organised a trip which will support your child's learning in school. On the 17th May we will be visiting the Soanes Centre. 2M will visit in the morning and 2D will visit in the afternoon. This visit will be linked to the work we will be doing in Topic looking at Habitats. Children will be learning about the different habitats in our local area and finding out what kinds of plants, animals and insects live there. If you would like to join us on the trip as a parent helper please let Shelly and Florida know!



Ideas on how to support your child's learning at home.

English

Fiction: Stories from Familiar Settings

This half term we will be reading the story Hansel and Gretel. This is a story about a pair of children who find themselves trapped in a witches house. Children will look at how the author has described the characters and be focusing on the characters feelings throughout the story. Children will use 2ad sentences, correct punctuation and capital letters when writing their own version of this story

Non-Fiction: Non-Chronological Reports

We will be looking at the features of non-chronological reports, and be focusing on texts about how plants and animals survive in different climates. To help please encourage your child to read some non-fiction texts at home and talk about how the features help them understand or give them information. Children will then use the facts they have learnt about the desert and arctic during their topic to write their own information text about animal adaptation.

Maths

Geometry– We will be continuing to look at geometry this half term. Children will be learning about position and directions. Children will be working on their understanding and use of directional language and will practice giving instructions to get to a certain area.

Problem Solving –Children will also be working on their problem solving skills this half term. Looking at making estimates to solve and problem. They will also be working on reading a problem to help them understand it and work out what operation to use.

Tests

As it is nearing the end of the school year we will be taking part in the KS1 National Curriculum test. These tests will take place during the month of may and will span across a few weeks. Children will be given a reasoning paper, arithmetic paper, 2 reading papers and a spelling and grammar paper.

Topic: Habitats

This half term the children will be learning about Habitats. They will ask questions and research about different plants and animals to find out what they need to survive. Children will compare different habitats to see what features each of these habitats have and how they support the plants and animals that live in them. Children will also compare different habitats in London and will be able to explore a few different habitats on our trip.

Computing: Children will be looking at branching data bases and use them to help them sort and classify animals. Children will be using a data base program on purple mash and are encouraged to also practice at home.

RE: The children will be learning about sacred books. Children will look at a variety of different sacred books and discuss why they are important to different groups of people. Children will also be given the opportunity to share a book that is special to them.

Music– In Music, Mr Heighington will continue to teach the children how to play the recorder.

Homework

In Year 2 homework will be given to the children every Thursday and should be returned on the following Thursday. Children will be given Maths, spelling, handwriting and a piece of English homework to complete. This must be completed and returned to school.

Bug Club: Children will also be required to log onto bug club each week and complete their weekly reading activity. Children will be given a bug club homework sheet at the beginning of the half term which they must bring back to school each week to show that they have read their bug club books. We encourage parents to help their children to log onto their bug club and support them with using the program.

Try these websites for games and activities at home:

<https://oldpalace-towerhamlets.frogos.net>
www.bbc.co.uk/schools
www.topmarks.co.uk
<http://www.primarygames.com/>
www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc