Paws, Claws and Whiskers

Southill Primary School

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. Do you know how to look after a rabbit? A cat? Or even a snake? Find out how the elephant got his trunk and how the rhinoceros got his leathery skin. Perhaps you know how the dog got his waggy tail? Can you make a food chain to show who eats who? Who is a herbivore and who is a carnivore? When a gaggle of mysterious pets arrive at the local pet shop, it's up to you to take care of them. Feed them, clean them and discover their daily needs. After all that work, curl up and take a cat nap.

As readers, we will continue to learn to read following the Little Wandle Scheme. We will also continue with our daily reading for pleasure slot and two weekly library visits. As writers we will be learning about information texts, creating an 'information toolkit' which we will then use in our writing.

As **mathematicians**, we will be learning about:

- Multiplication
- Division
- Fractions (halves and quarters)

As scientists we will be looking at animals including humans. We will look at how these living things can be classified, comparing similarities and differences. As part of this topic we will learn about different animals. We will use our knowledge of information texts to create texts about animals – focusing on birds, reptiles, mammals and amphibians.

As **artists**, we will use a range of materials creatively to design and make products. We will use familiar animals prints as our focus, looking at pattern and texture. We will explore different ways of showing these using soft and hard pencils to create lines and shapes.