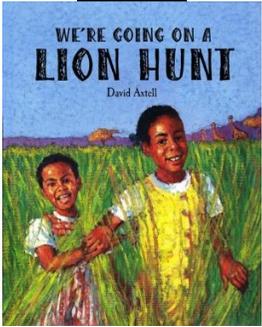
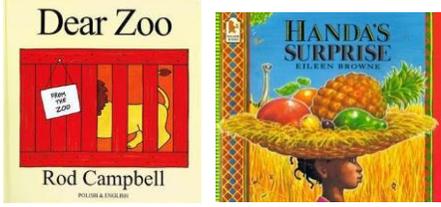


Reception Topic Overview – Spring 2

How are all animals different?

Our pupils at Holy Trinity have a keen interest in animals. Many of our pupils have pets or enjoy reading books about different animals. Many of our children can recognise different animals and know some facts about them. This half term, we will aim to answer the topic question, 'How are all animals different?' We will focus mainly on African animals. Now that pupils have a good understanding of Birmingham and the local area from the previous topic last half term, we are going to compare our country with Africa. Many of our pupils are from an African background and so parents will be invited into school to share their experiences of visiting Africa with the children. We will focus mainly on African animals and the children will learn about the different types of animals that live in Africa. We will begin to discuss how animals are different and how they survive in the wild. The pupils may have had previous experiences of seeing some of these animals in real life at the zoo. However, for those children who have not had this opportunity, we will invite the Animal Man to school so that the children have this first-hand experience.

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Core Text</u></p>  | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Whole School Value</u></p>  | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Concepts to Explore</u></p> <p>Africa, culture, comparing countries, animals, weather, survival, zoo, conservation, taking care of animals</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Key Vocabulary</u></p> <p>Africa, animal names, desert, weather, hot, dry, survive, eat, habitat, zoo, help, take care, culture, travel</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Characteristics of Effective Learning</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trying to achieve goals • Solve problems • Understanding another perspective • Make links between ideas • Keep on trying • Correct mistakes • Respond to new experiences |
| <p>Our text for this half term is We're Going on a Lion Hunt. This text is set in Africa and explores a journey where the children are on the hunt for a lion. Along the way, they meet several different African animals. Our children will learn about each of the individual animals that the children meet in more depth. They will also discover how these animals survive in Africa, what they eat and how they are unique. The children will be collating all this information to go on their own lion hunt towards the end of the half term. They will also need to produce a fact file for an animal which they can then share with the Animal Man.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Additional Enhancement Texts</u></p>  | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Core Rhymes and Songs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We're Going to the Zoo • Big Animals • On Safari • The Animals Went in Two by Two • Elephants Have Wrinkles • Down in the Jungle | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Experiences/Enrichment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children go on a lion hunt around school • Animal man • Google Maps to look at photos and videos of Africa • Planet Earth • Children share photos of their own pets • Visit to Church • World Book Day • Easter egg hunt | |

Note: A breakdown of the skills and knowledge that will be taught this half term is in our progression documents.