



Gedney Hill C.E Primary School  
Opening up new horizons

# My Pets and Wild Animals

Start Date  
September 2015

End Date  
December 2015

## Values, PSHE & RE Topics

Our PSHE this term is *We're All Stars* and *Getting On And Falling Out*. Our value for the first half term will be *Courage* followed by *Creativity* after the half term holiday. In RE this term we will be focusing on 'Our Beautiful World' and 'The Good Earth' linking with Harvest Festival.

## How we will launch the topic (the hook)

To begin our topic this term we are asking for children to bring in pictures of themselves with their pets. We will look carefully at them and discuss them as a class. The children will be able to ask questions about the different pets.

In Literacy Robins will begin our new topic looking at gorillas. We will be watching nature films and writing explanation texts on them as well as studying the author Anthony Browne who frequently uses gorillas in his stories.

Our role play area this term will be a 'jungle'. The children will be able to enjoy exploring and finding different creatures. If you have any spare artificial flowers or plants that you don't want any more we would love to add it to our role play.

As one of our main focuses this term will be 'pets' we hope to have a visit from The Exotic Pet refuge. We would also love to arrange a day for parent volunteers to bring in their pets from home!

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December we will have an assembly for parents and friends to join us and celebrate the work we have been doing this term. At Gedney Hill the assembly will be at 9.15am and at Shepeau Stow the assembly will be at 2.45pm.

Numeracy will be taught everyday with a mental maths test every Tuesday afternoon

Guided Reading groups will take place throughout the week with book changes every Tuesday, so please ensure your child has a brought their book bags and their reading journals. Spellings will go out every Wednesday to be tested the following Wednesday, help your child practice these spellings as often they will feature in their Literacy work.

PE this term will focus on *Games* and *gymnastics*. It will take place outside and inside so please ensure your child has a suitable kit, including *jogging bottoms, jumper and trainers/ plimsolls* as well as *shorts and t-shirt*.

**Take home task to support work in school.** This term, as our topic is *My Pets and Wild Animals* we would like your child to make their own animal mask. Please bring these in the week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> December.

