

Beech Class – Year 1 Enriching Learning



Spring Term 2025-2026

‘The Animal Kingdom’



Choose one of these activities to complete in your homework book each week, and hand it in every Wednesday. Make sure that you have a good balance of the English, Maths and Topic activities below during the term.

English Activities:

- Create a fact page about an animal from the UK.
- Research some funny animal facts and write down your Top 10.
- Write a recipe for one of your favourite meals or snacks. Remember to include a list of the ingredients.
- Write a book review of a story about an animal. What did you like and dislike about the story? What questions did you have about the story?
- Practise your letter formation for the One-Armed Robot letters – r, p, h, k, b, n, and m.
- Write some clues to describe your favourite animal (don’t forget to tell us the answer!).

Maths Activities:

Place value (up to 50) - Create a number line from 0 – 50. You could count up in 5s or 10s. Ask your adult to pick out three 2-digit numbers, e.g. 31/14/27. Can you put them in order?

Addition and subtraction (within 20) - Use what you know about number bonds to make 10, to work out number bonds to make 20, e.g. if $2+8=10$, then $12+8=20$.

Ask your adult to write some addition and subtraction problems. Can you be the teacher and correct them? If they got the answer wrong, show them how to get the correct answer.

Length and height - Gather a selection of 5 objects from around your house. Order them from tallest to shortest and measure them in centimetres.

Multiplication and division - Use a selection of objects (up to 20), share them out into smaller groups in as many different ways as you can. Are there any amounts that won’t share into smaller groups?

Topic Activities:

- Create an animal-themed piece of art. You could paint, draw or collage a picture of your favourite animal.
- Label the continents on a world map. You could also write a list of some of the animals that live in each one.
- Ask your parents and grandparents about some of the favourite toys that they played with as children. Compare them to the toys that you like to play with now.
- Take part in the RSPB ‘Big Garden Bird Watch’. Find out more here: [Big Garden Birdwatch](#).
- Conduct a science experiment to find out which is the best material to protect an egg from a great fall!