



Carle Class (Resource Base) Butterflies Curriculum Map Term 1 2025-2026

Theme: Amazing Animals



Literacy & Language/Communication Skills

- Little Wandle tailored phonics sessions
- Core Word Programme
- Daily mark making using sensory materials
- Daily English sessions with a new fortnightly story focus
- Sharing books, listening to stories in a group and 1:1
- Speech and Language 1:1 personalised targets
- Learning/signing new **key vocabulary** words
- Sharing attention, developing communication and social interaction skills in a small group
- Playing in the role play area with/alongside others
- Developing communication, making requests and choices (Total Communication approach - visuals, objects Makaton sign, core boards and picture exchanges)
- Bucket Time (Attention Autism).

Mathematics

Number and counting

- Counting skills, songs & rhymes
- Number formation
- Comparing quantities
- One more/one less
- Estimation

Addition and Subtraction:

- Part-whole
- Number bonds to 10
- Adding and subtracting

Shape:

- 2D and 3D
- Describina turns.

Topic (history)

- Exploring family trees
- Understanding that kings and queens are powerful
- Exploring how the environment changes over time
- Comparing school life in the past and present.

Music/Computing/Art & Design/DT

- Whole class singing with actions and Makaton signing.
- Sing Up music scheme - using core boards to choose instruments and quiet/loud play
- Key Stage singing assemblies
- DT – textiles making animal puppets
- Use of interactive whiteboard and iPads.

Key Vocabulary

Topic words to be learnt:

animal
group
mammal
reptile
bird
amphibian
fish

Science (animals)

- Daily weather calendar
- Name different types of weather/seasons (daily)
- Exploring different animal groups – mammals, reptiles, amphibians, fish and birds
- Identify features within different animal groups
- Identify similarities and differences
- Grouping animals
- Give reasons why they have classified an animal in that group.

Physical Development

- Weekly PE sessions
- Using bikes, trikes & large outdoor equipment
- Fine & Gross motor skills activities
- Letter formation
- Independent dressing skills/managing clothing,
- Washing hands and developing independence with self-care
- Practicing cutting and threading skills
- Developing gross and fine motor skills during sensory exploratory play
- Exploring different mark making materials
- Movement breaks and activities
- Sensory Circuits

PE lessons are on Thursdays in Term 1.

Please ensure that your child has a fully named PE kit in school.

Please remember to use Class Dojo to share info about your child or share pictures/stories for our weekly story sessions!

PSHE/RE/Life Skills

- Developing sitting, listening and attention skills
- Play/social skills sessions in small groups
- Attention Autism sessions/curiosity programme
- Structured sensory integration activities
- Developing skills of sharing, waiting/ taking turns.
- SCARF sessions: Me and My Relationships
- Life Skills – Money Skills linked with Daily Home Skills (cooking).