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Home Learning Project for Summer: *Paws, jaws and claws*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our topic in Beech and Elm for this half term is '*Paws, jaws and claws*' and through this, the children will be exploring animals including what they eat, where they live and their basic needs for survival. They will also be exploring music that resembles different animals and eventually create their own, as well as perform dances to portray traits of different animals. They will use their creativity and imagination throughout this half term to enable them to be fully immersed in this topic.

For the project this half-term the children will need to use this creativity and imagination to complete an interesting piece of writing, as well as interpret how an animal moves and what it sounds like by creating their own dance or piece of music. They will need to choose an animal that they want to complete their project about.

We suggested the following is included in the project:

- A fact file of an animal that includes interesting information, and what it needs to survive
- A piece of art that depicts the animal
- A dance and / or a piece of music that represents how the animals moves or sounds (this may be completed by groups of children in the class rather than individually)
- A poem about your chosen animal

These are the basics that must be included, however, they may wish to include more. If you would like to send in a video of a dance the children have created or the music piece, they can be sent to admin@greenridgeacademy.co.uk with Beech or Elm home learning project in the subject. **Attached to this letter is an example of a finished project that we have shared with the children this week.** The finished project will need to be handed in **by Friday 12th July**. We are looking forward to seeing the creative interpretations of this project!

We would also like to invite you in on **Tuesday 16th July at 3.00pm** to join in the celebration of the children's projects and to give them a chance to share their hard work and efforts.

Thank you for your continued support with this, and if you have any further questions about the project, please do come and speak to one of the team.

Yours faithfully,

Miss. C. Imbriano and Miss. V. Gardiner
Elm Class Teacher and Beech Class Teacher

Foxes



What Do Foxes Look Like?

Foxes are small mammals with a full coat of fur, pointed ears and a bushy tail, sometimes known as a brush. Foxes walk on four legs and have small heads with a long nose and sharp teeth. The most recognised foxes have orange-brown coloured fur with a few white patches under their chins and on their stomachs. Foxes have excellent hearing and a keen sense of smell.

Where Do Foxes Live?

Foxes normally sleep underground in dens. Foxes can dig their own dens but often find a den made by another animal to use instead. Foxes that live in towns or cities will make a den out of anything, including cardboard boxes. Baby foxes are called cubs. When they are born, they are unable to see, walk or hear, so the mother (the vixen) takes good care of them in the den whilst the father (the dog) goes to hunt for food for the family.

What Do Foxes Eat?

Foxes eat just about anything, including berries, worms, spiders and small animals such as mice and birds. If they live in the city, they eat rubbish that people leave out. If they have extra food, they hide it in a small hole and eat it later when they are hungry. Foxes are nocturnal animals, which means that they hunt at night and sleep during the day. They are scavengers, which means they eat whatever they can find.



Did you know...

- The fox is a member of the dog family
- Foxes can live up to 14 years
- Foxes can live anywhere, in towns or the countryside
- A female fox is called a Vixen
- A male fox is called a Dog
- Foxes eat almost anything, including berries, worms, spiders and even jam sandwiches
- A fox's home is called a den or an earth
- A baby fox is called a cub
- The fox is a distant relative of the wolf
- Foxes are mostly active at night
- Foxes hide food to eat later
- Foxes have amazing hearing, they can hear a watch ticking 40 yards (120 foot) away
- Foxes use 28 different types of calls to communicate with each other
- A fox can run 30 miles





The Hungry Fox

The greedy fox was hungry
and liked to hunt at night,
He sniffed around for wriggling worms
and swallowed in one bite.

The hungry fox crept silently
with his prey in sight,
He spotted a red squirrel
and was ready for a fight!

The sly fox was spotted
and the squirrel was too quick,
So the hungry fox slumped back home
without a single lick.