

Year 1 Week 5 – Animals

Weekly Maths Tasks

- Work on [Numbots](#)
- Play number bond games such as [Hit the Button](#); [hit the correct target](#)
- After completing your reading task about 'The Highway Rat' - think about all the food that he collects throughout the book. Use some kitchen scales to weigh the different items he stole, start with a leaf. How much does this weigh? What about milk? Honey? Etc. Do you think the horse will be able to carry all the food he stole?
- Create a price list for a cake shop for customers to buy cakes. Ask your family members to buy some cakes from your shop. If they have bought a few different cakes, how much would they need to pay? For example, 20p + 50p = 70p. How much change will they have? What different coins could they pay with?
- When you wake up every day, look at the clock – what time did you wake up? Can you draw a clock face and draw the hands on the time you woke up at?
- Watch the video and count backwards from 1000 while moving your body!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ss-azuApvA0>

Weekly Reading tasks

- Complete different phonics activities on [Phonics Play](#)
- Watch and listen to [The Highway Rat](#) Who did the rat meet along the highway? What items did he steal on his journey? How do you think the characters felt when they were stopped by the Highway Rat? Why is it good to share? What would you say to the rat if you met him to encourage him to change? Was there somebody in the cave? How do you know?
- Make your own puppets of the characters in The Highway Rat – Retell the story using your character puppets. Can you remember what the different characters said? Think carefully about how you can change your voice to show how the different characters were feeling at different parts of the story.
- Watch and listen to [Vet tales](#) - What do Bearded Dragons eat? Why does he have a heat lamp in the vivarium? Can you list any other cold-blooded animals that you know? Is a Bearded Dragon a carnivore, omnivore or herbivore? How do you know? Can you think of other animals that fit into those categories?

Weekly writing tasks

- Write your own version of the story The Highway Rat. You might want to draw the sequence first to help you remember the correct order of events. Try and include story language e.g. Once upon a time, Next, After that, Suddenly, The end.
- The Police need your help. They are investigating several robberies that have been reported by animals on the highway. Create your own Wanted! Poster to help them catch the Highway Rat. To help them in their investigation remember to include a picture of the rat and what he was wearing. Write sentences to describe his appearance – include interesting adjectives e.g. The Highway Rat has long, curly whiskers and he has soft, grey fur. You can also write sentences to describe his personality e.g. Beware of the Highway Rat because he is mean and selfish.
- Write all about your own pet – You could describe what they look like, what their favourite things to do are, what they like to eat, things that they don't like. You might even write instructions telling someone how to look after your pet. This will need to include details about things that they need e.g food, toys, exercise, place to sleep, etc. If you don't have a pet, you could use your imagination and write about an imaginary pet.
- Watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S1WsZ1jULZ8> and write a fact file all about Bearded Dragons: Where they live, what they eat, how to look after them etc.

Learning project

- [Go on a bug hunt](#). In your garden or the park see if you can discover different types of bugs. Do you know what they are called? Do you know any fun facts about them? Draw the insects you have found and label them. Once you have found different types of insects see how you can put them into different groups e.g. Those with wings versus those without wings; those with 6 legs, those not with 6 legs. How many different ways can you group them?
- [Make your own wormery](#) – Take photographs whilst making your wormery. Write a set of instructions telling a friend how to make their own wormery. Remember to get an adult to help you to cut the bottle. Make observations of your worms and write down anything interesting you notice. Remember to care for your worms by feeding them and making sure they have a damp, dark environment. Details of what they need can be found on the link attached.
- Research different animals and make comparisons to the human body. Which parts of their body are similar to a human and which parts of their body are different to a human? Discuss why some of these differences occur eg.. Why do some animals have scales and humans do not?
- Your pet needs a brand-new collar. Design and label your idea. Once you have done this use different materials to make your pet's collar. After you have made your design discuss what you like about it and evaluate what you would change if you made it again.

- Draw a picture of the Highway Rat and label the different body parts of the rat. Which parts are similar to the other animals within the story and which body parts are different? Is a rat an amphibian, bird, fish, mammal or reptile? How do you know?
- What types of food do animals eat? <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z6882hv/articles/z96vb9g> Learn about the different foods that animals eat and then take the quiz to see what you know!
- Put some bird food out in your garden or by your front door. Watch carefully to see which other animals come and steal the bird's food! Can you write a list of all the different animals you have seen eat the bird food?

Other useful websites/resources

[Andy's Safari Adventures](#) - Join Andy as he explores a different animals from around the world and the habitats they live in.

[Andy's Wild Workouts](#) - Join Andy as he keeps fit and explores how different animals move.

[Letters and sounds for home and school](#) – Follow the Department for Education Phonics lesson on Youtube. Start with Year 1 Lesson 1.

[Oxford Owl](#) – The website has a range of free activities and resources that you can do at home with your child. It is easy to access split into year groups.

[Cbeebies Stories](#) – Listen to a story and watch it come alive.

[Classroom secrets](#) – Classroom secrets are offering free home learning packs for each year group.

[Draw with Rob](#) – Children author Rob Biddulph is doing an online draw along for children. Try following one of his videos and send it what you draw.

Email

Remember you can discuss work with the class teacher via weekly phone calls. You can also email any photographs or work to be shared on twitter. Please include your child's name and class on emails so it can be forwarded to the correct teacher!

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