

CHESTER ZOO PROJECT



Year Group	Curriculum Link	Focus
N	Understanding the World – Splashing about	Children begin to talk about the habitats of some winter animals - they focus on the penguin .
R	Understanding the World – Wonder water / rainforests	Children read the story 'Chimpanzees' and link similarities in our country with other countries.
1	Geography – Maps Science – Classification	Children will use their knowledge of maps and how to use a key to explore the Chester Zoo map. They will use directional language and compass points to describe the location of different animal enclosures. Children look at the different animal classifications – as part of this they will focus on bears (mammals/omnivores).
2	Science – Habitats Geography – Thembisa	Children look at wildlife in different habitats and how they adapt to the hot and cold conditions. After looking at Thembisa, children look at the Rhino – a native animal of Africa.
3	Geography – Rivers Science – Dispersal of seeds	Children learn how rivers support animals in providing a water supply and food source. Herbivores benefit from the diversity of plant life around a river. Children focus on the Orangutan and how their fur catches and disperses seeds.
4	Geography – Volcanoes Science – Living things & their habitats	Children learn that Komodo Dragons live on volcanic islands in Indonesia. Children learn about how volcanic eruptions can pose a danger to habitats.
5	Geography – Central America Writing – The Great Kapok Tree History – Mayans	Children read The Great Kapok Tree story and research the different animals in the tropical rainforest biome. Children learn the significance of the Jaguar to the Mayan civilisation.
6	Geography – South America	Children look at the biodiversity of the Amazon Rainforest and the detrimental impact of biodiversity loss. With reference to biodiversity loss across the World, they link this learning to the endangerment of Elephants (African and Asian) and how the illegal wildlife trade and habitat loss affects them. The children look at evolution and extinction and how latitude affects adaptation and evolution.