

At Henda! we strive to enable children to...

★ Belong ★

This half term our school will be taking part in Anti-Bullying Week. The theme is "Odd Socks" and we will be celebrating the differences between people and thinking about what makes each of us special.

★ Aspire ★

This half term we will be inviting parents and carers to our Aspire morning to learn about the Hindu celebration of Diwali. We will be taking part in lots of creative activities to learn about why this celebration is special to Hindus.

★ Achieve ★

This half term we are busy practicing our Key Stage 1 nativity performance. This year we are putting on the production of "Lights, Camel, Action!" We are very busy learning the songs, dances and words to put on a fabulous concert for you to see.

Toucan Class Reminders

- Indoor PE Kit — *Monday*
- Outdoor PE Kit — *Tuesday*
- Reading books — *Everyday*



## Year 2 Curriculum Overview

### Autumn Term 2



**Hendal Primary School**

Belong, Aspire, Achieve.

This half term our topic is

**Animal Planet**



### Why Animal Planet ?

So we are able to name a variety of animals and find out where in the world they come from. We will also learn about the importance of caring for animals and nature.

### *As readers and writers we will be...*

Reading the story of "The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark" and writing about the inquisitive character Plop. We will then use this story as a basis for our own story writing. We will continue to use our key skills to make our writing interesting to read.

### *As mathematicians we will be...*

Learning how to solve multiplication and division calculations and problems. We are learning the 2, 5 and 10 times-table in order to achieve the next certificate in the Diamond Dash challenge.

### *As scientists we will be...*

Finding out about the habitats in which animals live. We will also be describing how animals can obtain their food from plants and other animals and how we can record this in a simple food chain.

### *To develop our understanding of religion we will be...*

Investigating the question "How and why do we celebrate special and sacred times?" We will be finding out about the celebrations that take place at this time of year and finding out why they are so special for believers.

### *To bring our topic to life we will be...*

Visiting Wakefield Museum to learn about the famous Wakefield explorer Charles Waterton. He loved animals and nature and dedicated his life to preserving and protecting the local wildlife. We will be taking part in a workshop to learn more about his adventures.

### *As explorers we will be...*

Locating different habitats on globes and maps and finding out about the animals that live there. We will find out about the weather in each habitat and how the animals are suited to these extreme environments.

### *As creative learners we will be...*

Observing, sketching and painting pictures of animals. We will look at the work of Henri Rousseau and use this to inspire and create our own jungle pictures. We will also be making lots of Christmas crafts.

### *As computer technicians we will be...*

Continuing to learn about the importance of e-safety. As part of "Anti-Bullying Week" we will learn about cyber bullying and how to keep ourselves safe when using the internet.

### *As sports people we will be...*

Playing benchball to develop our awareness of teammates and opponents when playing a competitive match. In indoor PE we will be planning and developing sequences using the apparatus. develop our throwing, jumping and running skills.