

**Class:** Willow Class

**Term:** Spring 2<sup>nd</sup> half term 2025



BRABIN'S ENDOWED PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Topic** – Amazing Animals -5 weeks  
 Food Glorious Food – 1 week  
 Author study – Julia Donaldson.

**Getting Started**

**Amazing Animals - Author study - Julia Donaldson - linked to the children's interest – (5 weeks)**

The interest came from children showing a love of animals in their play. From this we will read a range of texts by Julia Donaldson including Monkey puzzle and snail and the whale. Using the texts as a stimulus the children will create their own story maps, character descriptions and learn all about Julia Donaldson. The children will find out all about Sir David Attenborough and his work.

**Food Glorious Food - linked to the children's interest – (1 week)**

**Pancake day** – We will find out what the children know about this day and the history of it. Children will help to make the batter and have a go at tossing a pancake. Using Poetry basket introduce the poem 'Pancake' children recite this and add their own actions.

Capital Culture	Visits	Visitors	Experiences	Events
Spring walk - <b>British value and citizenship</b> – Rules/taking part.  <i>Pancake day Celebrations that we take part in. Traditions - Easter</i>	Trip to Blackpool Zoo Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Class assembly and showcase  Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	<b><u>Pancake Day</u></b> – What is pancake day, can the children share their experiences of pancake day. Children have a go at making and tasting pancakes with various toppings. <b><u>Mother's Day</u></b> – We will read the book, 'My mum' by Anthony Browne, during a circle time encourage the children to share why their mum is so special. <b><u>Easter</u></b> – children take part in a range of activities such as making cards.	Weekly Wednesday afternoon Forest school sessions with Pre-school.

**Characteristics of Learning**

Playing and exploring - engagement	Active learning - motivation	Creating and thinking critically - thinking
Playing with what they know.  Being willing to have a go.	Enjoying achieving what they set out to do.  Being proud of how they accomplished something – not just the end result.	Finding ways to solve problems.  Making predictions.



## Discrete Subjects – Spring 2<sup>nd</sup> half term 2025

### Computing

Sound – explore ways of making and listening to sounds using simple programs and devices such as talking tins and microphones.

Programmable toys – Can the children programme the toys and create a track.

### RE – Miss Doxey

Our unit of learning is Easter, the children will learn all about the Easter story, recreate the last supper and good Friday.



### PE

Sessions with a coach

Fundamental skills

Running

Jumping

Skipping

Overarm throw

Hopping



### PSHE

Circle time sessions

'Taking Part'. This covers the following areas:

- the need for rules.
  - understanding the difference between right and wrong
  - speaking and listening about the things that are important
- understand and identify the various groups they belong to



### Literacy

- Pancake day – following a recipe.
- Julia Donaldson – Author study.
- Character descriptions.
- Write a story map linked to a key text.
- Poetry basket poem to recite.
- World Book Day – what is their favourite book.

### Mathematics

- Positional language
- Composition of number.
- Count on from a given number to 20 and back from a given number 0 – 10.

### Physical development

- Finger gym challenges.
  - Letter formation.
- Making their own playdough.
  - Scissor control.
  - Letter formation.

### PSED

- Friendship
- Taking part – PSHE, what are rules and why do we have them?
- Understanding right and wrong using different scenarios.
- Introduce affirmation cards.

### Understanding the world .

- Using Kiddle to research about animals from our texts- where do they live? what do they eat? What is their habitat like?
- Locate where animals live using maps and atlases
- Pancake day- find out the history of pancake day.
- Find out about Sir David Attenborough.

## Food Glorious food/ Awesome Animals Spring 2<sup>nd</sup> half 2025

### Communication and Language –

- Develop new vocabulary from our Author studies.
- Describe what is happening in our key texts in more detail using story maps.
  - Wellcom language programme.
  - Learn and recite a poem about Pancakes.

### Expressive Arts and Design

- Spring walk – observational drawings.
  - Paintings of their mums.
- Easter crafts – egg rolling and decorating.
- Observational drawings/sketches of animals from key texts.
  - Exploring watercolours.
- Sketches of their favourite animals.

## Educational Programmes