

Rationale for Class Names

“It is surely our responsibility to do everything within our power to create a planet that provides a home not just for us, but for all life on Earth.”

- Sir David Attenborough

EYFS			
Nursery	Elephant	Reception	Dolphin

KS1			
Year 1	Polar Bear	Year 2	Tiger

LKS2			
Year 3	Orangutan	Year 4	Jaguar

UKS2			
Year 5	Lion	Year 6	Amur Leopard

One of our key curriculum drivers is **#Sustainability**. Our Pupil Parliament researched endangered animals using resources from the World Wildlife Fund and found that there are so many species which are critically endangered, vulnerable or threatened. The pupils wanted to raise awareness of this issue in our school community and use it to strengthen understanding across the academy. The Pupil Parliament suggested we give our year groups a class name each to represent these endangered animals.



The Pupil Parliament led a campaign to sponsor or to 'symbolically' adopt these endangered animals to further raise awareness of the importance of sustaining wildlife. This helps our school community to play our part in defending our precious planet.

How will we build on knowledge and learning of our class names?

The class names will explicitly reference and promote our curriculum driver of #sustainability. For the first 2 weeks of the Autumn Term, our Wider Curriculum lessons focus on these class names. Pupils will research the endangered animal, discuss why this issue is so important and complete writing and art work to deepen their understanding of key national curriculum objectives.

Throughout the year we will frequently research the status of our endangered animals and write letters to the WWF to be as involved with any campaigns as possible. Work in Geography, Science and Philosophy for 4 Children (P4C) will explicitly make links to sustainability and protecting endangered animals as well. For example, when learning more about habitats, biomes and human impact on environments in Geography, or Food Chains and Animal Adaptation in Science.

Where possible, different Wider Curriculum subjects will be tailored through the year to regularly promote this class name. For example, in P4C lessons, History, Geography, Science, Music, Art and DT. We will also have class and school displays which share pupils' learning about our different class names, as well as discussing these key themes frequently in assemblies.

Through our sponsorship with the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), we will receive regular updates about the work being done to help protect these endangered animals.