

Why don't snakes have legs?



Reptiles are wild and wonderful creatures. Why don't snakes have legs? Why do chameleons change colour? We'll find out the answers to these questions and more in this fascinating project about reptiles.

This half term, we'll visit a reptile house to wander among the exotic plants and meet a range of reptiles. We'll talk to the experts and take lots of photographs. Back at school, we'll create remarkable reptile artwork using a variety of drawing and painting materials. We'll look closely at the foods reptiles eat and have lots of fun playing in our swamp with small world reptiles. Getting creative, we'll use natural materials to build homes for reptiles. We hope they'll be comfortable! We'll also go on a reptile hunt, and decide which are our favourites. Using musical instruments and actions, we'll recreate the movements of different reptiles. Counting and ordering will help us to develop our mathematical skills.

At the end of the ILP, we'll look back at photographs to remind us of our best bits. We'll also create our own mixed-up reptiles and enjoy role play in our class pet shop.

Areas of learning	Early Learning Goals
Communication and language	Listening and attention; Understanding; Speaking
Physical development	Moving and handling
Personal, social and emotional development	Self-confidence and self-awareness; Managing feelings and behaviour; Making relationships
Literacy	Reading; Writing
Mathematics	Numbers; Shape, space and measures
Understanding the world	The world; Technology
Expressive arts and design	Exploring and using media and materials; Being imaginative

Help your child prepare for their project

Let's take a walk on the wild side! Why not visit a local pet shop to look at the different reptiles and foods on display? You could also use natural or recycled materials to create a reptile collage. Alternatively, make your own snakes by threading segments of straws onto a string. Can you count how many pieces of straw you have used?