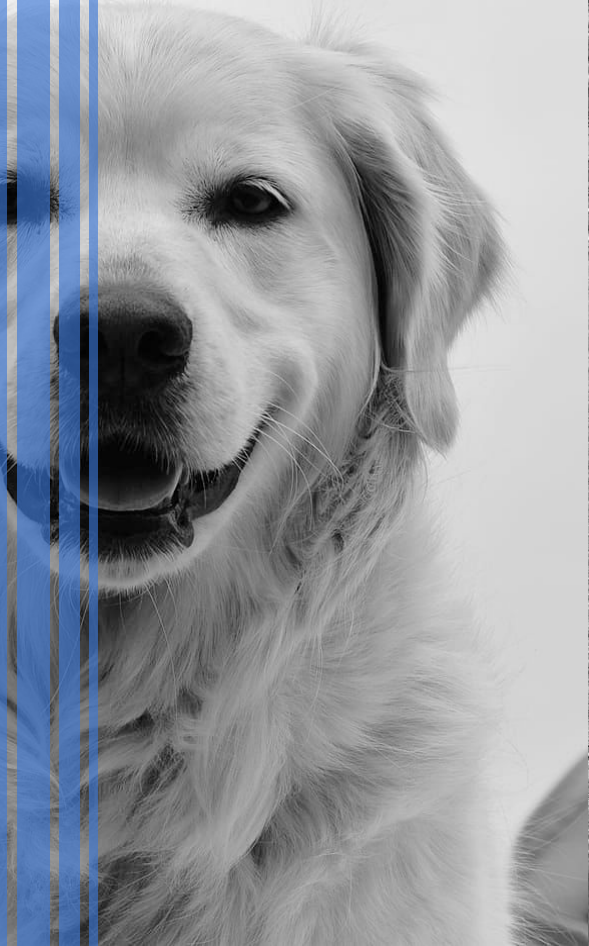


# OVERVIEW

Aim High, Work Hard, Dream BIG!



ANIMAL THERAPY & CARE

At [The Parkland Federation](#), we believe that there are many benefits to the work done by our wonderful Pet Therapists. These include, but are not limited to, **Physical benefits** - Interaction with Therapy Animals has been shown to reduce blood pressure, provide physical stimulation and assist with pain management. **Social benefits** - A Therapy Animal promotes greater self-esteem and focused interaction with other children and teachers. **Cognitive benefits** - It has been empirically proven that Therapy Animals stimulate memory and problem-solving skills. **Emotional and mental health benefits** - A recent national survey of children's mental health found that recognised anxiety disorders are increasing. A Therapy Animal can lift mood and can also offer unconditional friendship to children.



At Parkland, we have a wide variety of animals to support the children develop self esteem and confidence. The animals we care for also allow us to teach the children the skills needed to look after animals and care for them properly. The work we do is led by Mrs Taylor, our Animal Coordinator, and a team of staff that are passionate about the many benefits animals can bring to children and visa versa. We always take advice and support from the RSPCA as well as our local vet and ensure the animals we care for thrive alongside the pupils at Parkland.



# OUR ANIMALS

Here, you can learn all about our beautiful animals, insects and fish. Our passion for animals does not start and end with poultry... Throughout The Parkland Federation, we have a variety of creatures great and small, feathered, furry and scaly - so our pupils can find the perfect Pet Therapy companion to suit them.



We currently have Indian Runner ducks, Welsh Harlequin ducks, Pekin cross Bantam chickens, Orpington cross chickens, a variety of small Tetra fish, Black Beauty stick insects and two llamas.

Each year, we incubate and candle eggs laid in school so that the children can marvel at the developing embryos and care for the young hatchlings.

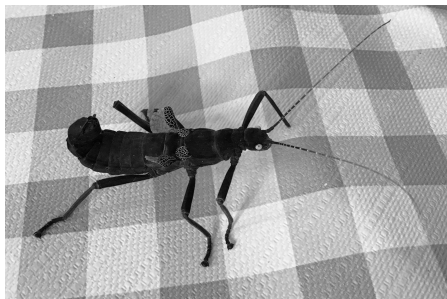


## OUR ANIMALS

All of our Indian Runner ducks, with the exception of Shirley, and every chicken, were hatched at The Parkland Federation. Pupils were able to watch the hatching of many of our birds and have been an integral part of their upbringing and well being. Pupils have an active role in the ongoing care of all our animals, developing a love of nature and respect for living things.







The welfare, well-being and safety of our pupils and all of our animals is our top priority. We have a dedicated team of staff that care for the animals throughout the year, over the school holidays and at the weekends.



## ANIMAL BIOGRAPHIES

### Captain America

This little chap hatched in the Rainbow Room on 1st June 2019. He is an Indian Runner duck and his favourite food is peas. He has a yellow beak with lots of white on his neck. He hatched first and so shares a name with Marvel's first Avenger.





This is Cheeky, and she is a cross breed Bantam chicken. She lives with Barbara the Cockerel and he likes to share his cheese with her. Her favourite thing to do is eat. D.O.B 23.05.19



This is Frankie and Daisy. They live together in the EYFS Garden. Frankie is the mixed white Rooster and Daisy is the buff Orpington cross. Frankie can be a bit bossy, but he looks after Daisy very well indeed! D.O.B. 23.05.10



This is Tiger. He is Frankie and Daisy's son and he lives with the ducks and chickens in the pond area. He is a very large, magnificently tailed cross breed chicken with a rather loud voice! D.O.B 21.07.20



These are our Black Beauty Stick Insects. They live in the Rainbow Room and like nothing more than to munch on their favourite bushes throughout the day.



This is Ace. She hatched the day after Captain America. She is an Indian Runner Duck. She is Captain's best friend and enjoys laying large eggs and swimming.

D.O.B 02.06.19



This is Wayne. He looks very similar to Captain America, but he has less white on his neck. He is also an Indian Runner. He likes to chase Captain America around the pond in his spare time.

D.O.B 02.06.19



This is Captain Carol Marvel. She is a Welsh Harlequin duck and also enjoys laying lots of eggs. Her favourite food is lettuce. She joined the other school ducks after the summer break.



This is Maverick He is an Indian Runner Duck. His favourite foods are frozen peas and watermelon.

D.O.B 02.06.19





This is Lois Lake. She wasn't hatched at school but moved in with the others after the summer holidays. She's a Welsh Harlequin and really enjoys eating watermelon.



This is Goose (even though he is a duck!). He is an Indian Runner and he looks just like Maverick, but with a little more white on his neck and back. He really loves an Iceberg lettuce to munch on. D.O.B 02.06.19



This is Shirley. She wasn't hatched at school but moved in with the others after the summer break. She's also an Indian Runner Duck.



This is Barbara. Don't be fooled by the name! He is a fully grown Pekin Bantam Rooster. His favourite food is cheese and he likes a rather nice strong cheddar to nibble on. D.O.B. 26.06.19

## Meet our Newest Additions!

On 27th, 28th and 29th April, four of our incubated duck eggs began hatching! Some of the children were lucky enough to see this happen live and others have watched the video clip. These little ones are FULL of energy and couldn't wait to get into the water when they were just a few days old. What amazing swimmers they are already! The children are helping to name each duckling, continuing our Marvel/DC theme. Watch this space!



## Two More New Faces....

On 21st May 2021, Parkland welcomed two new additions to their Animal Therapy Team. Star and Luna are female llamas and have a stable and paddock which was constructed by our very skillful site manager, Mr Anderson. They also have daily access to our school field for grazing. Our Animal Therapy Team spent seven months working with specialists, including the British Llama Society, to ensure everything was just right for their arrival and they provide an incredible amount of support to pupils. They are quiet, curious and intelligent animals and staff have received trekking training from our inhouse experts, Mrs Taylor and Miss Hollobone. We are so lucky to have a team who are so passionate about animal welfare and work together to ensure they are all very well cared for, not only during term time, but during the weekends and school holidays too.





HONESTY

ASPIRATION

RESILIENCE

POSITIVITY

COOPERATION

