

# Nursery Newsletter



Summer 1



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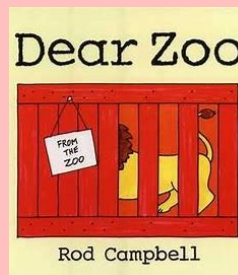
Dear Families,

We hope you had a lovely Easter holiday. Welcome back to another busy half-term of learning. Our theme is '**Animals and their Babies**'. First, we will recall previous knowledge from our growth and change unit and then develop this further by learning about different types of animals worldwide and focusing on their habitats.



## Literacy

We will read fiction and non-fiction books that link to our theme, 'Animals', and learn new poems, rhymes and songs. Our story focus is 'Dear Zoo' by Rod Campbell. First, we will engage the children with a virtual zoo tour and role-play deliveries of animals. This will support developing knowledge of zoo animals. Finally, we will begin to embed the story by recalling key phrases and new vocabulary, ready to retell it using a story map.



## Maths



To start the half-term, we will use different representations to show numbers, such as numicon, objects, and fingers. We will also be developing counting and ordering with numbers up to 10. Next, we will be exploring animal patterns and creating our repeating patterns. Finally, to end the half term, we will revisit 2D shapes and their properties and link size with animals in our knowledge sessions.



In art, we focus on an artist. Previously, the children enjoyed creating work by Claude Monet using finger painting to paint poppy fields. As our artist this half-term is Henri Rousseau, we will create a painting called 'Tiger in a Tropical Storm.' We will be exploring warm and cold colours and developing colour-mixing skills.

## Important Dates

01 May - Bank Holiday

08 May - Bank Holiday

25 May - Class Photos

26 May - Last day of half-term

## Home Learning

Each week we post a home learning challenge which can be found on **tapestry**. Please complete the task and share it with us. You can also add any home experiences and achievements.

### Key messages

**Star Reader** Please fill in your child's record book, tick, sign, or comment.



Please remember Library is on **Thursday**. Please return books so your child can choose another one.



Bring toys/books Friday **ONLY**, For show and tell.

## Phonics

We will continue to embed previous sounds learnt during our phonics session. We follow the Little Wandle Scheme. We are now focusing on **l, j, v, w, y, z** and finding objects that begin with the same sound. We are also practicing oral blending using different games, such as what sound does a **c-a-t** make? What sound does a **d-o-g** make?

## Physical Development

This half-term we are focusing on introducing gymnastics, creating shapes with our bodies, using new apparatus and creating a sequence of actions. **PE day is Friday!**



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