

Nursery Newsletter



Summer 1



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 learning 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

Dear Zoo



We will read various 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 the development of 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 be using different representations to show number, such as, Numicon, objects, and fingers, we will also be developing counting and ordering with numbers up to 10 and focusing on comparing groups of objects. Next, we will be exploring animals patterns and creating our own repeating patterns. Finally, to end the half term we will be revisiting 2D shapes and their properties and linking 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 explore warm and cold colours and develop colour-mixing skills.

The Nursery Team

Important Dates

6 May - Bank Holiday

25 May to 2 Jun - Half term holiday

25 Jun - Sports Day

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.



PE is on Wednesday!

Phonics

We follow the Little Wandle Scheme. We are now focusing on **j, v, w, y, z, qu, ch** and finding objects that begin with the same sound. We are also practising 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.



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