

This half term our topic is:

Animals – wild and farm

Mathematics Mastery

- In maths we will be learning the mathematical names for 'solid 3D shapes and 'flat' 2D shapes.
- We will be learning how to describe these shapes.
- We will be using our numbers 1-20 to double and half!

Understanding the World

- This half term we will be thinking about growth, decay and asking the question what changes over time?
- We will also be thinking about how we show care for living things in the environment.

Literacy

In Literacy we are reading three texts relating to our topic; "Farmyard Hullabaloo", "Giraffes Can't Dance" and "The odd Egg". Children will focus on expanding and developing their creative language and vocabulary. We will be continuing working on both our reading and writing of simple sentences.

Phonics

This half term we are split into our phonics groups focussing on blending our set 1 sounds using the Read Write Inc. programme of synthetic phonics. We will then continue to read ditty books!

Enrichment Activities

- Our Freeflow afternoons on Monday, Tuesday and Friday will provide children with multiple opportunities to deepen their knowledge and discover their interests through child initiated play activities both indoors and outdoors. The children will go on a learning journey and are developing their skills they will be working with a range of materials to make farms and jungle. We are thinking about which type of animal is our favourite and why! We are very excited for a trip to London zoo!

Fast French

We are continuing to learn vocabulary relating to our physical features as well as the days of the week, greetings and introductions.

Expressive Arts & Design

- Art – We will be creating jungle art out of a range of materials. We will also make clay animals.
- Drama – Our role-play area will be focussed on life on a farm or jungle. We will also be working towards our Easter Bonnet parade!
- Music – We will be learning a range of songs, with a clear focus on the use of our voice and rhythms. We will be learning various songs linked to our animal topic!

Physical Development

- Sports – We are learning to navigate space safely, and improve our fine and gross motor skills.
- Health – We are learning to look after ourselves by looking into what healthy foods we can eat!

Home Learning

Encourage your child to explore various animals by talking to them about your favourite animals!

It would be fantastic to see them start to use their phonics to write and read simple sentences at home – these can be uploaded onto EeXat.

Read the newsletter to find out what Reception's home learning is for the week- we share these in class each Friday; the children love to discuss what they have created at home and even get their work displayed on the wall – perhaps even something for our farm or jungle!

