

Newsletter

March/April 2018

Creative Curriculum Theme – 'Amazing Animals'

Personal, Social and Emotional

- Share own preferences, thoughts and experiences of animals including family pets.
- Develop play ideas as part of a group through role play in our Nursery Vets.
- Discuss and show an awareness of caring for others, including how to care for animals and living things.

Understanding the World

- Explore and find out about British wildlife in Forest School.
- Use computers and iPads to retrieve and find out information about different animals and their habitats.
- Compare animals; identify and discuss their similarities and differences.

Expressive Arts and Design

- Explore different animals prints, pattern and camouflage through art.
- Use playdough to mould and create animal models.
- Use imagination and own experiences through role play in our Nursery Restaurant.
- Take part in a 'Great Nursery Bake Off' in our role play kitchen.

English

Texts: 'Dear Zoo' by Rod Campbell, 'The Great Pet Sale' by Mick Inkpen and 'Percy the Park Keeper' by Nick Butterworth.

- Explore a range of stories and books about animals, including non-fiction.
- Learn new sounds through Jolly Phonics and reinforce sounds previously taught through games and activities.
- Create a 'pet for sale' poster and describe different pets.
- Develop skills to retell familiar stories such as 'We're going on a bear hunt' by Michael Rosen.

Maths

- Count, sort and match quantities of animals to numerals.
- Investigate quantities and use marks to record and represent using a tally chart.
- Use a range of shapes to create animal enclosures.

Physical Education

- Experiment with movement to imitate a range of animals, focusing on balance and co-ordination
- Continue to practise fine motor control to produce recognisable marks.

Music

- Explore musical instruments to represent different animal sounds.
- Listen to and sing along to Nursery rhymes related to animals, such as 'Walking through the jungle' and '5 little monkeys'.

Reminders:

- Please ensure all belongings and uniform are clearly labelled.
- Please can children only bring water in school water bottles.

Staff:

Mrs Powell, Miss Beddall, Miss Oakley and Mrs Sutton.

