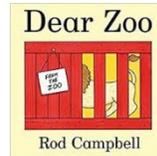


## Literacy Learning

In Literacy, we will be:

- \* Enjoying stories about animals and pets e.g. 'Dear Zoo', 'The Great Pet Sale' and 'Rosie's Walk'
- \* Writing words and sentences about animals
- \* Re-telling stories orally and creating story maps
- \* Writing about visiting pets
- \* Telling and writing a story about a magical horse
- \* Continuing to learn to read and write our two and three letter sounds



## Mathematical Learning

This term we are looking at:

- \* Adding two single digit numbers together up to 10, counting on to find the answer
- \* Subtracting two single digit numbers up to 10
- \* Money - saying coins and adding up 1p coins. Playing shops and using everyday language related to money
- \* Using everyday words to describe position e.g. under, over, through, next to



## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be:

- \* Developing the children's confidence to speak in a familiar group
- \* Continuing to support their social skills in taking turns, negotiating and using their words to communicate feelings and needs.



## Physical Development

We will be:

- \* Learning to dance, based on the theme of animals
- \* Developing ball skills
- \* Using equipment effectively e.g. hoops and bean bags



## Expressive art and design

We will:

- \* Sing songs about animals and use instruments to accompany them
- \* Use various media to create images of animals e.g. paint, junk modelling, play dough, computer programs
- \* Look at animal patterns using collage, wax crayons, pastels and chalk

## Understanding of the World

We will learn about:

- \* The names of wild and domesticated animals
- \* How to look after animals
- \* Where animals live
- \* How to observe animals and changes over time



## Faith and Wonder

We will be looking at:

- \* The Bible story of Noah





### How can you help?

- Keep reading stories to your child to enrich their vocabulary and enjoyment of stories
- Listen to your child read their reading book from school as often as possible
- Use any opportunity for practical maths at home e.g. counting toys, adding objects together up to 10, reinforcing shape names around their environment
- Use the phonics home booklets we have sent out to reinforce their phonics learning and learn tricky words

### Events/trips planned for this half term

- We will be visiting Gaston Farm on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April as part of our work on farm animals (further details to follow)
- Parents evening takes place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 3.30-7pm



If you have any books or animal related things at home we are happy for the children to bring them in for show and tell time.

We would also love to have any well behaved pets come and visit the children. If you think your pet would be happy to come in to school please speak to Mrs Martin or Mrs Collins.

Please come and see us if you need any further information or have a query.

The Early Years team



## Early Years Learning

### Spring 2

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely half term holiday.

The children really enjoyed finding out about food from around the world and tasting lots of new foods last half term. They particularly enjoyed the visit to the butchers in the village and visits from parents about Colombia, Africa and Australia. The visiting hedgehogs were also a highlight of the half term!



### Spring Term Topic: Pets and animals

This half term our topic is 'Amazing Animals' beginning with looking at wild animals, moving on to horses, pets and farm animals!

We are very excited that on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March some chick eggs will be delivered, along with an incubation kit, to Oak and Ash classes. We will then be able to watch as the chicks hatch a couple of days later and handle the chicks until Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March when they will be collected to be re-housed.