

English/Communication and Language

We will engage with animal themed adventure stories, poems and rhymes. We will explore non fiction texts to further our understanding about animals, and respond to instructions and questions. Children will be exposed to a wide range of vocabulary and will enjoy a large repertoire of animal themed songs and nursery rhymes. They will practice making choices using objects of reference, language, Makaton, and visual aids. Some children will be continue using PECS (Picture Exchange Communication System) to assist with their communication.

Core texts: Giraffes Can't Dance, Brown Bear Brown Bear, The Snail and the Whale and Dear Zoo.

Phonics: Phase 1-Environmental Sounds
Phase 2-SATPIN
Phase 3

Mathematics

In Maths we will be working through the following units using hands on, practical tasks:

Alive in 5: the concept of zero, finding amounts and subitising (recognising the number of objects in a group without the need to count them).

Mass and Capacity: We will compare mass using balance scales and investigate capacity by measuring with non-standard units.

Growing 6, 7 and 8: finding different ways to make these numbers and represent them.

Outdoor Learning

We will explore the natural world using all of our senses, with a particular focus on learning about animals and observing them within our environment. We will be looking for animal footprints. We will continue to explore how the outdoors looks and feels as the seasons change.

PSED

We will be recognising Children's Mental Health Week 2025 between 3rd-9th February with a focus on self-awareness and exploring what is special about us. We will continue to work on building relationships and working on managing different emotions.

PE & Physical Development

We will work on fundamental movement skills to develop control of our whole body through the continual practice of large movements with an animal focus (waving, kicking, rolling, crawling). We will also move through tunnels.

Spring 1 - Learning Plan

Fireflies



Theme – Animal Antics

Science

We will learn about what animals need and their habitats. We will explore animal life cycles and also complete work on matching animals to their young.

Understanding the World

We will learn about different types of animals, including pets and wild animals.

Computing/Technology

We will continue to use the ICT programme Purple Mash to develop our Computing skills and to support our learning about animals. Children will create their own new animals on SwitchZoo. Children will have the opportunity to use iPads, laptops, robots and the interactive whiteboard. We will continue to reinforce the concept of safe and unsafe online actions.

RE

We will learn about the festival of Lohri and make bonfire pictures using foil to print and paint. We will also learn about Lunar New Year around the world through multisensory learning.

Expressive Art & Design

We will make animal themed crafts (animal masks/clay animals) in addition to completing activities relating to cultural capital dates, such as Lunar New Year. We will make red lucky envelopes, explore the flags of countries whereby Lunar New Year is celebrated, perform a lion dance and explore food which is eaten during Lunar New Year.

Music

We will listen to a variety of music from different cultural and religious events. We will work on moving to music expressively, developing rhythm and identify and play different instruments.