

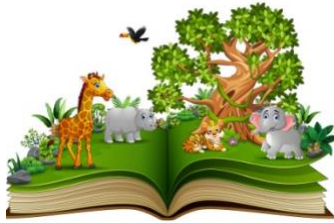


# Reception Newsletter

## 'Amazing Animals'



Welcome back after the half-term break. We hope that you have all had an enjoyable time. Our topic this half-term is 'Amazing Animals'.



## English

In literacy, we will be studying a book called *Handa's Surprise*, as well as the Easter Story, which will be linked to our RE lessons. Furthermore, we will be reading a selection of our 'Favourite 5' books. In our stories, we will again explore the characters and the different places they are set, as well as finding out facts about animals around the world through non-fiction books. In our daily phonics, some children will be recapping set 1 sounds and practising Fred talk to read and write words e.g. c-a-t. Other children will continue to read and write words independently and be supported to write sentences using finger spaces and full stops.



## Maths

In maths, we will finish off a look at height and time. Then recap what we have learnt so far about the numbers up to 8 and then explore 9 and 10. We will continue to count forwards to 20 and backwards from 10 and represent 9 and 10 in different ways. We will compare all numbers within 10 by difference in size and by counting each group of objects and develop a sense of number by understanding where each number comes on a number line. We will also learn bonds to 10 through games and songs. Further to this, we will explore and manipulate 3d shapes through playing, stacking rolling and printing and explore repeated patterns of two objects, moving on to more complex patterns.

## Understanding the World



For our Understanding the World theme, we will be looking at different animals around the world and the habitats they live in. For this, we will continue to look at globes, maps and atlases to show the children where these animals live and explore how they have adapted to live in those environments. We will look at the weather conditions in these places and compare them to our own environment. We will also look at the difference between wild animals and those that are cared for on a farm or as pets. Further to this, we will explore the roles of people who care for animals such as farmers, zookeepers and vets.

## General Information



- Please remember to sign and send your child's reading book back into school on **Wednesdays**.
- Library books should also be returned **Wednesdays** so that we can change them.
- Homework is also due in on **Wednesdays**.
- **World Book Day** - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March. The children should dress as an adjective e.g red, strong, shiny, sleepy....
- This half term ends on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** and we return to school on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April**.