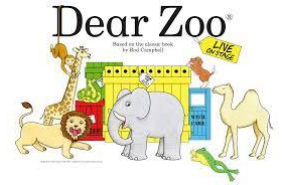




## Rowan Class Newsletter

### Spring 2026



### Our Theme

Our theme for Spring is "We're going to the Zoo". We will be exploring lots of zoo animals and reading the story "Dear Zoo"

Have a look below at what we will be learning across our curriculum!



### My Communication

In My Communication, we are excited to start reading our new sensory story, 'Dear Zoo'. We will be using our senses and key language to explore a range of different animals and the different features that they have.

We will continue to develop our communication skills across the day through a range of different activities. We will work hard to initiate spontaneous communication and makes requests.

We will be working on reading, writing and communication and interaction ALI's across the timetable.



### My Thinking and Problem Solving

In my Thinking and Problem Solving, we will be building early number skills through exciting zoo animal-themed activities.

We will develop our data handling skills by practicing counting, sorting, and ordering, and will progress towards representing data using pictograms.

We will also practice problem-solving skills across the timetable, encouraging each other to complete a variety of tasks and learning challenges.

We will continue working on cognition and learning ALI's across the timetable.



### The World about Me

In The World about Me, we will be using our senses to explore different animals and seasonal changes through our sensology sessions.

We will be practising our dressing skills and practicing dressing appropriately for the weather.



### Me and My Body

In Me and My Body, we will be learning all about our body parts! We will sing songs like "heads, shoulders, knees, and toes", we will also play games to identify body parts and name them!

In PE we are learning all about dance! Our dances will be animal themed, we will learn lots of different movements to move like the chosen animals! We will also take part in animal themed sensory circuits!



### My Community

In My Community, we will go shopping weekly for our snacks at Asda. We will also go on weekly trips to pets at home to tie in with our "we're going to the zoo" theme. We will also do travel training in the community to Astley Park and Devonshire recreation park.



### My Creativity

In My Creativity, we will be exploring Aboriginal Art and Pointillism through painting. We will be looking at the significance of handprints and animals and exploring these with our senses first, before we learn 'dabbing' techniques with a range of tools. We will be recreating our own Pointillism animals across Spring.



## Things to remember

- ✓ We have PE on a Tuesday morning. Please send in PE kits for us to keep in school. This is an important opportunity for practicing dressing and undressing skills.
- ✓ We will be in touch about our plans for trips this term. Keep an eye out for these.
- ✓ Please remember to check Evidence for Learning and our weekly blog to see what we've been up to in class.



## Key Vocabulary

Zoo  
Animals  
Big / Small  
More / Less



## How can you help at home?

There are lots of ways to support your child's learning at home. Have a look at the suggestions below for some ideas:

- ✓ Using key vocabulary, Makaton signs and symbols when communicating with your child.
- ✓ Incorporating your child's Aspirational Learning Intentions into your routine at home.
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## Home-School Communication

Home-school communication is important to us and helps us to support your child the best that we can. Here are some different ways to keep in touch...

- ✓ Writing in the home-school diary
- ✓ Emailing us at [brophyc@astleypark.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:brophyc@astleypark.lancs.sch.uk) / [gregoryl@astleypark.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:gregoryl@astleypark.lancs.sch.uk)
- ✓ Commenting on your child's Evidence for Learning posts