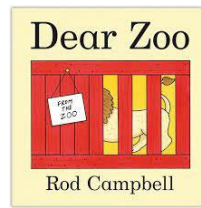
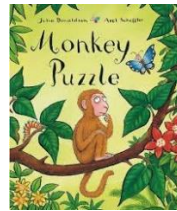
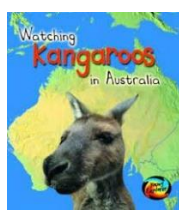
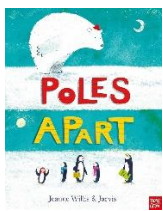


## Spring 2 2024 - Foundation Stage Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here is an overview of what your child will be learning this half term across the different areas of learning. Our topic for the second half of the Spring term is called 'I wonder where they call home?' The topics we choose are led by the children's interests and usually encompass several areas of learning. For this reason, the topics may change to reflect the direction the children wish to take their learning.

Each week we will be taking on a different theme using the following books as part of our week's main focus:



In Literacy we will be listening to stories about animals from different habitats and finding out facts from non-fiction books. We will use our phonic knowledge to write simple captions and sentences in the form of lists, speech bubbles and facts. In phonics we will continue with Level 3 diagraphs, learning how to read them in words and write them. We will also be extending our tricky words list, both reading and spelling. Forming our letters correctly will continue to be a focus in all areas of writing.

This half term in Mathematics the children will be developing their understanding of the numbers 9 and 10. We will be conceptually subitising these amounts and finding out how these numbers as a whole are made from parts. We will look at what double a number means and will learn double facts to 10. We will look at 1 more and 1 less than a number to 10 and what that means on a number line. We will also be exploring 3d shapes.

Personal, Social and Emotional elements of our learning will be explored whilst we are independently learning and through our story times.

Through our topic **I wonder where they call home** we will be focusing on where animals live. Our first two weeks will compare animals living at the poles and then animals living in Australia. We will find out facts about the environment, whether it is the same or different to ours. We will start to notice signs of Spring in our own school and home environment. We will finish off our topic with a hands on visit from a farm who will bring many different animals to our school for the day.

In our **Physical Development**, during P.E lessons, we will introduce ball skills and counter balance. Within the classroom we will continue with strengthening our fine motor skills through activities such a play dough, cutting, using construction equipment and developing our pencil control.

In our **Expressive Arts and Design** we will be working with a variety of media, experimenting with colour, design and texture. We will think about how to attach things and what to use when creating our own 3d sculptures. We will look at Aboriginal art and create our own dot painting and look at the artist Pierre Maxo and paint our own jungle animals. We will continue to build a repertoire of songs and learn more nursery rhymes. In our music lessons our focus will be finding the beat and tempo.

Please continue to support your child with listening to them read their books for 10 minutes every day and to read to them. Please continue to practise recognising and writing the letter sounds and tricky words in their pencil cases. You can also help with their maths by getting your child to say 1 more and 1 less to 10 and counting to 20.

Please check to Home School Books daily and use them to communicate with us or email us on

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We will respond to emails as soon as we can. If you have any questions or need any support or advice please ask.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your child.

Thank you for all your support so far this year.

The Foundation Stage Team