

Communication & Language

Children will develop their speaking and listening skills through stories, discussions and role play linked to animals and their habitats. They will learn and use new vocabulary to describe animals, patterns and environments, ask questions, share ideas and explain similarities and differences during group and independent play.

Literacy

Children will continue to develop early reading and writing skills through daily phonics sessions, where they will be learning Phase 3 letter sounds, including digraphs, and practising blending sounds to read words and simple sentences. Through Drawing Club and a range of familiar stories such as The Three Little Pigs, Goldilocks, Dear Zoo, Elmer and The Tale of Peter Rabbit, children will retell stories, sequence events and apply their phonic knowledge to write captions, labels and simple sentences linked to animal themes.

Mathematics

Children will deepen their understanding of number by working with numbers up to 10, including counting, ordering and comparing amounts. They will explore number composition, doubles and patterns, and begin to sort and describe numbers using simple attributes. Children will also investigate 3D shapes and use mathematical language during practical activities.

Topic

Our topic 'Animals' supports children to explore farm animals, wild animals, pets and dinosaurs, developing curiosity about the natural world and understanding how animals live, grow and change.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

During Spring 2, children will build on their ability to manage their emotions and relationships as they learn about animals and their environments. They will be encouraged to show care and respect for living things, take responsibility within the setting and work collaboratively with others.

Understanding of the World

Children will explore the natural world by learning about farm animals, wild animals, pets and dinosaurs. They will compare habitats, discuss animal patterns and environments, explore fossils and observe seasonal change, including Easter as a time of new life and growth.

Expressive Arts & Design

Children will use a variety of materials and techniques to represent animals and their environments. They will experiment with colour, texture and pattern, explore animal movements through dance and develop their imagination through small-world play.

Physical Development

Children will continue to develop gross and fine motor skills through weekly Forest School sessions and PE with Mr Clark, using animal movements such as crawling, hopping and balancing. Fine motor control will be strengthened through activities including threading, cutting, tweezers and tool use.

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