

St Thomas More R.C. Primary – Reception class
What I am Learning – Summer 2: Animals around the World
 Text: Alan’s Big, Scary Teeth



Area of Learning	Activities	Area of Learning	Activities
Communication & Language	Using our text ‘Alan’s Big, Scary Teeth’ we will be discussing the story in detail with our partners and in both small and large group situations. We will be developing the children’s understanding and encouraging them to answer ‘how’ and ‘why’ questions in more detail. Linking with the text, we will be talking about feelings and how Alan the main character feels. We will also be discussing how Alan ‘takes care’ of himself and what he will do when Barry (another character) takes his teeth!	Mathematics	During this half term, we will be focussing on identifying units of repeating patterns, creating our own patterns, exploring pattern rules and we will revisit and consolidate our work on addition, subtraction, doubling, halving, number bonds to 10, odds and evens and sharing and grouping numbers and quantities.
Physical Development	We will continue with our weekly PE sessions and also continue to practise our pencil control and handwriting daily during our phonics sessions. Our PE theme will be ‘Athletics’ and we will continue our work on ‘team games.’ Linking with our new text, we will be talking about how we can keep our bodies healthy and the effects that exercise has on our bodies.	Understanding the World	Linking with the topic, we will explore animals/creatures around the world and find out more information about them and their habitats by researching and reading. We will be looking at different parts of the world, using maps and globes to identify the locations of the animal habitats. We will also be working in our wider school area in search of creatures great and small. We will be researching ‘alligators’ like our main character Alan and we will be looking for the differences between alligators and crocodiles.
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	As always, we will continue to reinforce our positive class rules and boundaries. We will be using our co-operative learning strategies in our group work, e.g. ‘talk to your partner.’ We will be preparing for the transition into Key Stage One by visiting the space, meeting the staff and getting used to be in and around the building. We will also be using the ‘It’s Good to be Green’ chart in preparation for our move into Year 1.	Expressive Arts & Design	We will be creating pictures of our favourite creature/animal and drawing our own self-portraits (with frightening faces just like Alan in our story!) We will also use a variety of materials and techniques to create animal prints and habitats. We will continue to explore different instruments and also listen to and look closely at music from around the world, listening to different genres and exploring dances.
Literacy	Our phonics sessions will continue this half term and the length of these sessions will continue to extend in preparation for the transition into Year 1. We will also be focussing some of our Literacy work around the text ‘Alan’s Big, Scary Teeth’ and our theme ‘Animals Around the World.’ We will be writing character descriptions, creating signs, making predictions and re-telling different parts of the story. We will be encouraging the children to write simple sentences and begin to extend these.	RE	In our Religion work this half term we will be exploring the Creation Story and God’s Wonderful World. We will be discussing the ways in which we can care for our world, revisit our work on Pope Francis’ letter ‘Laudato Si’ and we will be looking at the ways that we can have an impact on our planet. We will also be celebrating St Thomas More’s Feast day in June and attend Mass with our School Family during this half term.