

Nursery Newsletter



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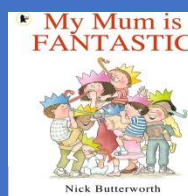
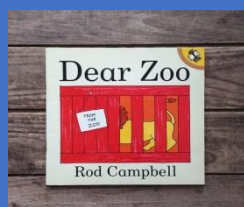
Spring Term 2

Monday 24th February 2025
to
Friday 4th April 2025

Theme – Greedy Animals

We hope you have had a lovely half term holiday. The children have settled back in well and are ready to begin to learn all about our new topic. We are looking forward to this half term celebrating the different festivals and special events such as Pancake Day, World Book Day, Mother's Day and Easter.

This half term we will be reading:



The main learning for the first part of this half term will be based around the text 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' by Judith Kerr'. We will also be reading 'Dear Zoo' by Rod Campbell. On Pancake Day we will be reading 'The Runaway Pancake' and we will also be reading 'My Mum is Fantastic' by Nick Butterworth and 'My Mum' by Anthony Browne for 'Mother's Day'.

What will we learn this half term?

Communication and Language

We will continue to have lots of circle time activities and social snack times to develop the children's speaking and listening skills.

We will be continue to share our news from the weekend on a Monday. This encourages the children to speak in front of their familiar group, listen to each other and take turns in conversation.

We will be listening to topic related stories and encouraging the children to re-tell the stories in their play.



Literacy

We will be looking at the book 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' as our main topic story but we will also be sharing lots of other stories too.

We will be encouraging the children to repeat words and phrases from familiar stories. We will be engaging in conversations about the stories and learning new vocabulary.

The children will continue to have lots of opportunities to mark make freely and with encouragement give meaning to their drawings.

Maths

In Maths we will continue to do lots of counting, recognising numbers and singing lots of counting songs. As part of our topic we will be sorting, counting and making repeating animal patterns as well as learning positional language.

Activities will also be explored outside with real life and natural resources and practical activities.

We will continue to learn numbers through 'White Rose Maths' using the interactive whiteboard.



Understanding the World

We will talk about our families and other people who are special. For 'Mother's Day we will be thinking about what our 'Mum's' do for us and why we love them!

We will be talking about animals that live in a zoo or jungle as well as looking at their features. We will learn that there are different countries in the world and talk about some animals that live there.

We will be learning about the changes in the environment, bulbs sprouting and chicks and lambs being born as we come into Spring.

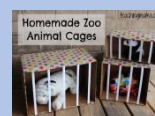


Expressive Arts and Design

As part of our topic we will be creating lots of lovely paintings, drawings and collages of tigers and other animals. We will be painting tigers using appropriate patterns and colours, talking about repeating patterns of black and orange.

We will be looking at some work by the artist 'Roy Lichtenstein' and doing our own take on his art 'The Girl in the Mirror' adding 'The Boy in the Mirror'.

We will continue to sing our familiar rhymes and will be learning some new zoo/jungle animal songs.



Physical Development

We will continue working on the children's fine motor skills by doing activities such as playdough, jigsaws, threading and sorting objects with tweezers.

I hope our 'REAL' project 'Early Writing Stay and Play' gives you some great, easy and cheap ideas that you can do at home. We will continue to have lots of mark making activities such as writing over names, topic opportunities such as writing shopping lists and menus and lists of animals and their features.

We will also continue to practice using scissors by holding them correctly and developing their control when cutting/snipping.

Our children love playing outside so we will 'hopefully' start to enjoy the Spring weather and develop some learning areas outside.



Phonics

This half-term we will continue with Phase One Phonics. We have already carried out lots of phonics games and activities which the children really enjoy!

This phase is split into 7 different Aspects: Rhythm and Rhyme, Alliteration, Voice Sounds, Environmental Sounds, Instrumental Sounds, Body Percussion and Oral Blending and Segmenting. We will incorporate our 'Mirror' art in phonics by using our phonics mirrors to look at our mouths and what shapes they make as we make different sounds.



Lunch time and snacks

We will continue to provide snack with various fruits and a drink of milk. The children enjoy our sociable snack time and many children are beginning to try fruit and snacks that they maybe wouldn't have initially!

We are really proud how the full-time children have really grown in confidence during the lunchtime routine. They have done so well with the help of Miss Gomez and Mr Gibbons who will continue to support the children with their packed lunches.

Tapestry

Please continue to check your Tapestry account regularly as we sometimes put messages/information on. We also put pictures/videos of current learning and activities on which are lovely for you to see.

Clothing

Please remember to check that all items of your children's clothing are labelled.

Thank you

We really look forward to the term ahead.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Nursery Team