



EARLY YEARS NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2 Newsletter

This half term our topic is called: **Animal Safari**. We will be reading a different text each week focusing on animals and encouraging the children to draw and write about their character. The value we are looking at this half term is **Kindness**.

Literacy

This half term we will be focusing on a book a week. We will be exploring the characters of the book and the children will be starting to create their own character and setting the scene. We will be using the phonics that we have learnt to identify the sounds that we need and to begin to build words.

Cornerstones-

We will be teaching the children about the animals that live around the world, how to look after animals and their habitats. Our big question to explore over this half term is: **What is a habitat?**

Jigsaw- Our PSHE topic this half term is **Celebrating Differences**. We will be talking about what makes the children unique and celebrating this as a class. We will be reading books about kindness, solving problems, everyone being different and caring for others.

UPDATES:

Hippo- PE Tuesday and Forest school Thursday
Rhino Forest School and PE Tuesday

Please support your child in changing independently at home as this will help them in school.

WOW Moments:

We will send some WOW moment stars in your child's book bag, we read these out to celebrate your child's personal achievements at home. They can be anything personal to your child i.e. getting changed on their own!

Handwriting

We have been practising our letter formation in the classroom this half term and have been focusing on holding our pencil correctly. We make sure that our letters all start from the correct starting point, at the top of the paper. Please can you keep practising writing your child's name at home.



Reading

Your child has now completed phase 2 phonics and have completed their first phonics assessment. This means some children may go home with a book with words in- if they are ready and are blending independently with the sounds that we have learnt. Please can you continue to read your **school reading books 5 times a week at home**. Updated information: During Autumn term, when you read to your child and log it, this will now be counted towards the reading certificate. In the Spring term, we will only count what your child has read independently.

Maths

We will be starting the Power Maths scheme alongside Maths Mastery. In Power Maths we will be recognising, representing and manipulating numbers to 5 and 10. This will feed into addition and subtraction facts. As well as looking at 2D and 3D shapes.

OUR LEARNING...

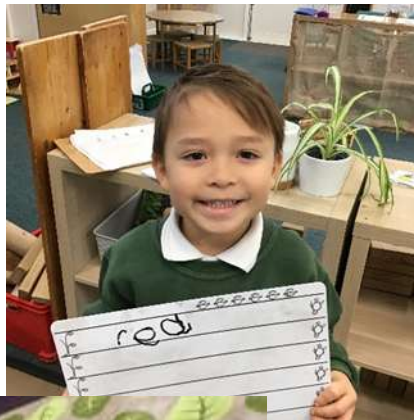


Forest School-
looking for signs of
Autumn and exploring



Working as a team and
practising our values

Learning to spell



Sorting the seasons



Grouping numbers
and objects



Practising our
letters and correct
formation.



Building
words

Dates

- 3/11/25 Back to school
- 3/12/25 Zoolab
- 5/12/25 Flu spray
- 28/11/25 PTA Winter Warmer
- 17/12/25 Trip to Waterside
- 12/12/25 Join us for a
Christmas Dinner
- 9th December Christmas
Performance**
- 19/12/25 Break up for
Christmas

Hippo Class –

Miss Wilks and Mrs Legg

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Rhino Class –

Mrs Cohen, Mrs Harrison and
Mrs Goff

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Thank you for your support!

OVERVIEW:

This project teaches the children about the animals that live around our world, how to look after animals and their habitats.

Books you could explore in your local library:



ANIMAL SAFARI

Here are some activities you could do around our topic.

All around the world

You could:

- Look at models of the earth on the internet
- Look at where you live on a map
- Look at different habitats including oceans, woodlands, ponds and gardens
- Look at different countries and their environments and climates.

Create your own passport

Research a country you want to visit and why. Can you create your own passport to play a roleplay game about visiting your destination?



Create your own habitat

Can you go on a walk and collect different materials to make a habitat for a minibeast or garden animal? Take a picture and email it to us.

Discussion time:

Can you some different foods around the world?



You could research different recipes and have a go at making them.

Such as:

- Curry
- Croissant
- Egg fried rice

Websites you could explore:

The CBeebies show 'Where in the World'. There are lots of small clips that show children's lives around the world -

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/where-in-the-world>

Use Google Earth to explore local areas -

<https://earth.google.com/web/>