

## Reception Parent Overview Summer 1 – Animals

<p><u>Communication and Language/Literacy</u></p> <p>In Literacy we will be looking at the core stories 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle and 'Handa's Surprise' by Eileen Browne.</p> <p>Together with the children we will create role play areas which link to our topic 'Animals' - a jungle and a vets. These areas will help to promote positive social skills, speaking and listening skills and the development and use of new language and vocabulary as well as developing/practising mathematical skills.</p> <p>We will continue to have daily whole class phonics sessions with small group follow-up activities afterwards.</p> <p>This half term we will continue to develop the skill of writing in a sentence using phonic knowledge, capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUMMER TERM 1</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ANIMALS</b></p>	<p><u>Understanding of the World</u></p> <p>In this area of the curriculum we will be exploring 'people that help us' e.g. doctors, nurses, dentists, the police, etc. We have planned a special school visit from our local Fire Team on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 1.30 pm.</p> <p>On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April is our whole school 'Dream, Believe, Achieve' day. Parents have been invited into school to talk about their occupations and we will be discussing with the children what occupations they might like to explore when they're grown up.</p> <p>Using technology and TV and a trip to Roundhay Park, we will be finding out where and how our favourite animals live. We will also be looking specifically at the life cycle of a butterfly and will be following the metamorphosis of our very own Painted Lady Butterflies in class as well as hatching, then looking after our very own Stick Insects!</p>
<p><u>PE</u></p> <p>In PE we will be creating and manoeuvring through obstacle courses to develop a range of body movements/skills and hand/eye coordination skills such as skipping; jumping; throwing/catching; bat/ball skills linked to our theme - animals.</p> <p>On Thursday mornings, this half term, the children will participate in Yoga Sessions (Tatty Bumpkins) with a specialist Yoga teacher.</p>	<p><u>Numeracy</u></p> <p>In Maths children will continue to work on recognising and ordering numbers 1 to 20 and beyond. They will also be learning how to form the digits 1 to 20 correctly.</p> <p>Counting items by grouping in 2s, 5s and 10s will also be introduced, with a practical introduction to place value.</p> <p>Children will be solving mathematical problems and learning the language of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, recording their solutions practically and on paper, using marks they choose and can interpret. The contexts of money, measures (weight, capacity, length, height, time) and 2D/3D shape will be incorporated into this work.</p> <p>They will also begin to explore doubling and halving in practical contexts.</p>	<p><u>RE/Collective Worship</u></p> <p>In RE this half term the children will learn about how and why we celebrate St George's Day; Ascension Day and Pentecost; and a little about Sikhism and Buddhism.</p> <p>Our whole school collective worship theme this half term is 'Trust', which we will be exploring in EYFS through the bible stories of Noah and Jesus calms the storm.</p>
<p><u>Parent Meetings/Stay and Play Sessions</u></p> <p>We will invite you to 'stay and play' session this half term which will have a maths focus.</p> <p>Parents evening will be held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April. Please book your appointment online, Parents and Carers have also been invited into school to share their occupations on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April.</p>		<p><u>Art</u></p> <p>The children will continue with their Art lessons with our specialist teacher Mrs Palmer as well as undertaking art and design and design technology activities in class.</p>