

## Reception Newsletter - Spring 2 2024

### Topic this term - 'Amazing Animals'

Our topic for this half term is "Amazing Animals", which will be covered through different stories and experiences. We started the term with the book 'Dear Zoo' and next week we will read the story of 'What the ladybird heard'.

The following week we will welcome an incubator of incredible eggs! The eggs are duck eggs, which we will incubate and watch as they hatch. ***Shhh!* We would like to keep the contents of the eggs a secret, so that it is a surprise for the children.**

We will care for the ducklings and learn all about them for 2 weeks during this half term. Once our ducklings venture off to their new home, we will move on to the story 'What the Ladybird Heard'.

Following the excitement of the eggs we will be going on an exciting school trip to Woolley Firs (20th or 21st March), where we will be taking our teddy bears on a trip through the woods.

### Reading and writing

Revisit all Phase 3 <b>digraphs</b> (two letters that make one sound) and <b>trigraphs</b> (three letters that make one sound) <i>ai, ee, igh, oa, oo/oo, ar, or, ur, er, oi, ow, ear, air</i>	Form lower-case letters correctly and begin to use capital letters to start a sentence and for names.
Blend phonemes to read words including digraphs, such as week, w-ee-k, boat, b-oa-t, night, n-igh-t.	Spell words by identifying the sounds and then writing the sound with letter/s.
Read tricky words, which are words that do not follow the pattern of what has been taught so far in phonics. These are in your child's reading bag, please support your child to recognise these words. <i>is, I, the, put, pull, full, and, as, has, his, go, no, to, into, she, push, he, of, we, me, be, was, you, they, my, by, all, are, sure, pure</i>	Write short sentences with words with known sound-letter correspondences.

### Maths

Topics we will be learning about this half term.

Ordering numbers 1-10	Composition of numbers 9 and 10 2 groups and 3 groups	Making 10
Identifying and reordering numbers 1-10	Counting back 10-1	Matching 3D shapes
Building 3D shapes	Printing 3D shapes	Patterns

We look forward to another successful half term!  
Reception Team

## Vocabulary List

	Topic-General vocabulary	Topic- Specific vocabulary	Maths vocabulary
 <p>Dear Zoo Rod Campbell</p>	lion giraffe camel monkey frog snake puppy	inside hidden adventure wrote sent	subitising  nine ten  How do you make 9? Can you find a different way to make 10?
 <p>What the Ladybird Heard Julia Donaldson Lydia Monks</p>	ladybird Hefty Hugh Lanky Len farm police map	characters whisper secret cunning plan	How many more will you need? missing
	egg crack hatch wet dry shell feathers	pipping duckling life cycle duck	One, two, three, four, five six, seven, eight, nine, ten order next more fewer counting back
	bears brown bear polar bear panda black bear	hibernation claws paws fur habitat	3D shapes cube cylinder cuboid sphere cone matching
 <p>The Easter Story</p>	Easter Jesus new life Easter eggs celebration	symbol cross crucifix	pattern same repeating pattern same again What comes next?