

Reception Newsletter

Spring 2 2019



Welcome back after a lovely half term break!

Our topic for the half term is "Amazing Animals". The topic will be covered through different stories and experiences. We will start with a visit from incredible eggs! We will have duck eggs which we will incubate and watch hatch. We will care for the ducklings and learn all about them for 2 weeks of this half term. After that we will be focusing on different animals. We will be going on an amazing school trip to Woolley Firs where we will be taking our bears on a trip through the woods. This is a really fun and creative topic which we know everyone will enjoy! Overleaf is a topic map which shows you what we will be learning this half term.

Class Book

We would like to make a class book about animals this half term. We would like you to spend some time talking about different animals with your children. Here are some questions you could discuss: Have you ever visited the farm or zoo? Do you have any pets? What are your favourite animals and what do they look like?

We would like everyone to contribute to our class book. You could bring in a picture or photograph of an animal and write a sentence to explain it. You and your child could write down an animal fact or write what animals they like. You could draw an animal picture. Please bring in the page and we will make them into a class book.

Thank you for joining in with our learning.
We look forward to seeing the finished book!

Maths Home Learning Challenges

We would like to give your children some practical Maths challenges to complete at home to support the mathematical skills they are developing at school. Below are 5 challenges to try for this half term:

1. Counting in 10's- can you walk up the stairs counting in 10's as you go up each step? What number do you get to when you reach the top?
2. Washing line- the adult to say a number and the child has to hang that many items of clothing on the washing line. Then swap over and the child chooses a number. Check they hang the right amount up.
3. 3D shape hunt- choose a 3d shape before you leave the house such as a cube/cuboid/sphere. Try to spot 5 objects on the way to school that are the chosen shape.
4. Sharing- have a picnic with your family or toys (real or pretend). Let your child share out the food/pretend food so that everyone has the same amount. Then the adult shares the food out unequally and ask your child if it is fair. Discuss what they could do to make it fair.
5. Addition- count the number of two sets of objects you see on your way home from school (e.g. red and blue cars, brown and white doors, scooters and bikes). You count one set, your child counts the other. When you get home work out how many there were altogether.

Please have a go at these challenges. There are 'WOW' cards available outside the classroom. If you complete a maths challenge, please fill out a 'WOW' card to let us know what you did. We will then display the cards in the classroom and celebrate their successes.

The children are working really hard at home completing their reading, tricky words and maths, and we would like to say thank you for supporting their learning in this way! We look forward to another successful half term with you and your children.