

Prime Area: Personal, Social and Emotional development (PSED)

- Children to work and play cooperatively and take turns with others, for example, through ring games such as 'the farmers in the den' and 'duck, duck, goose'.
- During PSHE lessons, children will learn to describe physical changes to the body that can occur with different emotions, e.g. unwell, anxious, tired.

R.E.

- Children will learn about what is inside a church.
- Children will discuss celebrations that we celebrate as Catholics e.g. the epiphany, shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday.
- Children will learn about Valentine's day and how it is celebrated and make links to how we can show love to each other.
- Children will learn new songs and listen to and discuss age appropriate bible stories.

Specific Area: Expressive Arts and Design (EAD)

- Children will investigate different ways to join materials and textures linked to animals.
- Children will be learning about and exploring the artistic style of cubism. Children will be making their own cubism art work linked to our topic.
- Children will continue with our weekly music and singing lessons linked to our 'Animal' theme.

Prime Area: Communication and Language (CL)

- Children will infer information from books and the internet to gather information about animals.
- Children will learn and use new vocabulary throughout the day linked with the topic, e.g. habitats, mammal, calf, cub etc.
- Children will take turns in talking in performances in our helicopter stories.

Spring 1: Theme...

Animals

Reception

Specific Area: Understanding the World (UW)

- Children will learn about where we live in the world and make comparisons to where different animals live in the world.
- Children will learn about life cycles of animals, for example, chicks.
- Children will be visiting Chester zoo and being encouraged to talk about our observations and experiences.
- Children will learn to identify simple features on a map. We will be linking this to our own maps linked to the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'.
- Children will be learning about internet safety during our 'Safer Internet fortnight'

Prime Area: Physical Development (PD)

- Children will be involved in LCS weekly PE lessons
- Children to be encouraged/supported to dress/undress independently for our P.E. lessons
- Children will begin to travel safely down the fireman's pole.
- Children will take part in fab 5 fine motor activities.

Specific Area: Literacy

- Children will explore books about the topic – Animals. These books will include; We're Going On a Bear Hunt, Who's In The Shed?, The Perfect Pet, McBungles African Safari, Giraffes Can't Dance and Poo in the Zoo.
- Children will begin to apply their phonic knowledge within their writing. We will be writing for different purposes, including, captions, simple sentences and a fact file.
- Children will continue to learn new diagraphs, triagraphs and tricky words as we move onto Spring 1 of our Little Wandle phonic scheme

Specific Area: Mathematics

- Children will learn all about the numbers 11-15 through our 'number of the week'.
- Children take part in our counting exercises. We will begin to learn how to verbally count in groups of 10.
- Children will explore addition and subtraction using manipulatives.
- We will learn about different types of patterns and recognise what a repeating pattern is and begin to continue and create repeating patterns.