

Reception Newsletter

Spring 1 2024



Our Topic this Half Term is 'Animal Safari.'

In the Animal Safari project, your child will learn about incredible animals that live worldwide. They will explore various animal habitats and compare the animals that live there with animals in their locality. They will learn how to care for pets and what all animals need to grow, survive and stay happy and healthy. They will explore animal features and find out how they survive in the wild. They will compare the ways that animals are similar and different.

Supporting your child at home

- Go on a local safari to find out about the animals that live in your garden or local park.
- Look at animals from around the world, discuss your favourite animals and find out some fantastic facts.

This half term in **Maths**, we will be learning:

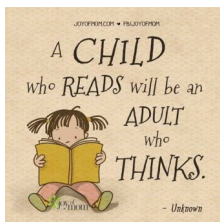
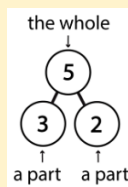
Exploring numbers up to and within 10.

Compare numbers and objects to 10.

Make comparisons - more, fewer, equal.

Understand whole and part.

Mass, Capacity, length and height.



Phonics

This half term we will be learning and revising the phase 2 sounds and beginning Phase 3.

s a t p i n m n d g o c k e u r h b f ff l ll ss
j v w y x z zz qu ch sh th ng ai ee igh oa ar
or oo or ur ow oi ear air ure er

The children will be focusing on learning to read and write the Phase 2 tricky words:

me be you are was all they my her he she
we

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Attendance:

Thank you to all the parents and carers that have ensured your child gets to school on time.

This is having a huge positive impact on your child's learning.

A reminder that the doors open at 8:40am and we start our Phonics lesson promptly at 9am.

Class	Attendance to date.	Have we reached our class target of 96%
Bears	90%	😞
Bees	88%	😞
Butterflies	91%	😞



Class Dojo

Please can we remind ALL parents and carers that communication about your child's learning, parents evening, homework, trips etc will be on Class Dojo. Please ensure you have the app downloaded on your mobile device. Did you know you can also message your child's class teacher personally should you have any concerns or questions regards your child's learning.

General Reminders:

Head lice:

Please check your child's hair for head lice every week and treat if necessary.

School uniform

Please ensure children are wearing the correct school uniform and shoes. Wellies and overalls for wet weather may be brought in a named bag which the children will hang on their pegs. All uniform MUST be labelled.

Book bags:

Children may bring a small rucksack that can be hung on their peg with spare clothes should they have an accident during the day. Toys are NOT allowed in their bags and will run the risk of being damaged or lost. Children are expected to bring a book bag (or plastic folder) with their reading book and reading diary every day. This will go in their tray in their classroom. Book bags can be purchased from the school office or:

[Village Primary Academy – Andrew Hyde \(ahyde.co.uk\)](http://ahyde.co.uk)



Reading:

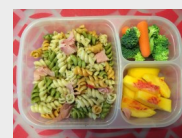
Please read with your child every day and write their progress in their reading diary. Your child's book will be changed every Friday.

Water Bottles:

Please send your child with a named water bottle each day. The bottle must contain water only.

Snacks and packed lunches.

As we are a healthy school, we encourage children to eat a healthy balanced diet.



Please DO NOT send children with anything that contains NUTS due to severe allergies in school. This includes Nutella.

Chocolate, fizzy drinks and sweets are NOT allowed in lunch boxes.



Have you signed up to Parent Pay?

Please speak to the school office if you have not signed up to parent pay yet.

Reception and Nursery have an amazing animal wildlife encounter coming up this term to support our topic. The children will get to learn about and handle exotic wildlife! There will be a small charge of **£5** to support this experience and this MUST be paid via Parent Pay.



ParentPay

Useful Websites:

Top Marks is a great website for fun and interactive games around Maths and English. Here is a link to the website for simple counting activities:

[Learning to Count with these fun Counting Games \(topmarks.co.uk\)](https://www.topmarks.co.uk)

Jolly Phonics has some great songs that the children sing in school to support them in learning their sounds:

[A-Z \(ALPHABETICAL ORDER\) JOLLY PHONICS SONGS WITH SOUNDS, ACTION AND VOCABULARY - Bing video](#)

Phonics Play has a great range of free resources for your child to access around learning their sounds. We use these games in school everyday. The children will need to access the Phase 2 games:

[PhonicsPlay - Parent Information](#)

Did you know?



Read these interesting facts about animals with a parent, carer or teacher.



Carnivores eat other animals. Herbivores eat plants. Omnivores eat plants and other animals.



Mammals are animals that breathe air, have warm blood and give birth to live babies.



Reptiles are animals that breathe air, have dry, scaly skin and lay eggs.



Birds are animals that breathe air, have beaks and feathers and lay eggs.



A habitat is a natural home for plants and animals. Animals need food, water and shelter to survive in their habitat.



Camouflage is an animal's natural colouring or pattern that helps it blend in with its surroundings.