

KSS Reception Spring 2 Newsletter February 2026



Dear Parents & Carer,

We hope you all had a restful break and that the children are excited to come back to school. We are excited to start our new Topic this term "amazing animals" the children have already shown lots of interest in our new pet shop and have asked some brilliant questions.

Please can we remind you to make sure that the children have their school reading book and reading record in school every day, if you have read with your child please ensure you have written it in their reading record so that we can see. The children have loved moving themselves up to our castle when they have read 25 times, please continue to sign the 25 square at the front of their reading record.

Homework will continue to be sent home on a Wednesday to be completed the follow Wednesday.

We really appreciate all your support and look forward to the term ahead.

Spring Two Topic Theme: [AMAZING ANIMALS](#)



The children's choice of Topic this term was Amazing Animals and therefore we will be exploring the following areas:

Animals & Literacy:

The children were particularly interested in looking at different types of animal's and their environments. They were keen to discuss their own pets and how to look after them. If you have any photos of your pets please send them in!

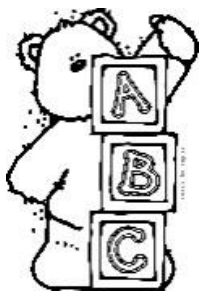


The children also showed an interest in habitats, animals that live in a rainforest, which animals they would find in a desert and animals under the sea. Therefore we will be discussing how we can help to save rainforests looking at the Amazon and also what we can do to help endangered animals.

As we head towards Easter we will be exploring life cycles of chicks. We will also be exploring and creating some food chains.

This will also link into our drawing club work where we will be looking texts from Poo at the Zoo, Handa's Surprise, Little Red Riding Hood and The Easter Bunny story.

Maths & Number:



This term we will be deepening our knowledge of numbers 5-10. Look at the staircase pattern of numbers 0-10 (one more each time.) Using the five and a bit method, E.G. $5 + 1 = 6$. Recall of number bonds 5-10, doubles, knowledge of one more and one less, distribution of quantities and comparing quantities of odd and even.

A big focus will be on number formation and ensuring that the children are confident when writing numbers.

Phonics:

The children will be learning level 3 phonics. These include diagraphs (two letters making one sound.) We will be focusing on writing the sounds in our literacy lessons as well as practising writing CVC words and learning to read and write our tricky words. It would be very helpful for the children if you can help them to practise these too at home or even play a phonics game with them while out and about.

j	v	w	x	y	z	qu	ch	sh
								
th	th	ng	ai	ee	igh	oa	oo	oo
								
ar	or	ur	ow	oi	ear	air	ure	er
								

Level 3 Tricky Words are: (children should recognise at sight, NOT sound them out)

he, she, we, me, be, was, my, you, they, here, are, all



How can families help their child further at home?

Children's Television- please put subtitles on to the channels your child likes to watch. They will start reading the words without realising it, research has shown it can help.

Reading- short bursts of reading. Your child reading to you, and you reading to your child. School reading books, but also other texts your child enjoys.

Singing- songs and rhymes, especially those which have an element of maths in them! Jigsaws, puzzles, dot to dots, board games requiring turn taking- all of these are so valuable.

Name writing- every time your child draws a picture, encourage them to write their name on the back!

Homework: We expect all homework to be completed. If you cannot do this for any reason, please let the teachers know.

If you have any questions or worries, please do not hesitate to speak to us.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Fordham and Mrs Murray