



### Physical Development:

We will have daily outdoor play to develop gross motor skills such as bikes and scooters, ball games, negotiating space whilst running and playing.

The children will also have daily 'Down in the Jungle' dough gym sessions to further strengthen the muscles in their arms and hands, preparing them for writing. Additionally we offer lots of opportunities for early writing practice.

### Literacy Development:

Daily literacy sessions will continue to focus on well known rhymes, songs and stories that the children can join in with.

The picture cards used in the Read, Write Inc scheme will be introduced to the children this half term so that the children can confidently name them.

We will encourage our preschoolers to practise using their name formation mats. There will be one to one time during sessions for adults to support writing on paper.

### Expressive Arts & Design:

Through junk modelling, the children will be able to create some of their own animals.

The children will also have an opportunity to study animals and creating more detailed drawings of them.

We will be having crafts for the children to enjoy to celebrate Mother's Day and Easter.

### Key Texts:

The Animal Boogie  
The Very Hungry Caterpillar  
Dear Zoo  
Monkey Puzzle  
The Rainbow Fish  
Tiddler  
The Snail and the Whale

### All Creatures Great and Small



### Personal, Social & Emotional Development:

The children will be able to build relationships and work collaboratively with their peers in our role play area and on specific 'Challenges'.

We are talking about what it means to be healthy during circle times and in practical activities.

### Other information:

We are looking forward to celebrating Shrove Tuesday, World Book Day, Mothering Sunday and Easter this half term.

### Mathematics:

The focus for this half term is on shapes, length, size and position

We will be talking about shape properties, doing some shape matching, finding shapes in our environment and starting to draw and print some shapes too.

### Understanding the World:

We are looking at different types of animals - dinosaurs, pets, zoo animals, arctic animals and marine life.

We will be exploring habitats and animals that live within these through lots of exciting tuff trays and other hands on learning opportunities.

### Communication & Language:

Our poem from the Poetry basket this half term is called Animal Homes and the children will be learning the actions and the words to it.

We will be creating mind maps with the children so they can express their ideas and their thoughts on all different types of animals.