

Nursery Spring 1 2025	Walkley Primary School Curriculum Newsletter <i>'Enjoyment, Achievement and Learning for life...'</i>	
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Topic: Amazing Animals—Prints and Patterns

The Big Picture

Our topic this term is one that the children always love 'Amazing Animals'. We will be sharing stories, songs and experiences of lots of different animals from all around the world. We will extend our vocabulary by introducing and naming a selection of new animals; thinking about what they look like, where they live, what they eat and how they behave. We will be discussing the children's favourite animals and helping them to describe experiences they have had seeing and caring for animals themselves.

As ever though in Nursery, our main focus will be having fun just being at school, continuing to learn the rules and routines, practising our social skills and getting to know our friends a bit better.

Key Information and Dates

Forest School: WC—12th January

Please note we will be sharing the week with the other EYFS classes, so will be liaising with the Caterpillars and Chameleons to find the best day for us. Please keep checking Dojo for our date.

Just a quick reminder though...

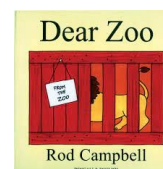
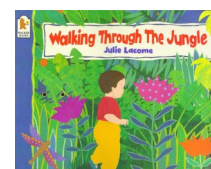
Please ensure your child has suitable outdoor wear not only for forest school, but also daily as we love to get out and about whenever we can.
Thank you

28.1.26 - Drumming Workshop (This will be an enrichment for the Wednesday Morning children only. Other enrichment activities will be planned for different days for children attending other sessions.)

13.2.25 - Last day of the half term

Communication and language

Class Texts:



Literacy Focus:

Our learning in Nursery is largely led by the key texts that we introduce throughout the term.

As we explore these texts, the children will extend their vocabulary, learn to add description and detail to their speech s build on the skill of speaking and using longer sentences. We will also continue to explore mark making skills using a selection of different tools and resources.

This term our older children will begin learning how to form the letters in their names by completing daily name writing activities.

We will also be continuing with our Phase 1 Phonics. Thinking about making and identifying different sounds .

Home Learning

At home please encourage your child to develop their independence. It would be helpful if the Elmers could practice putting on and taking off their own coats. Allow the children time to talk and share with others any exciting things they have been doing at home and try to encourage turn taking and sharing.

Thank You

Maths

Number	Numbers will continue to play a large part of our daily routines and play in Nursery. The children will see, play and experience numbers in all areas of the provision and all throughout the day. We will use our carpet sessions to come together and look at exploring and understanding numbers 1-3. Each week we will introduce a new number song which will be repeated throughout the week to allow the children to learn the song well. We will use a range of different games, resources and activities to allow the children to not only be familiar with the different numbers but to also understand what the numbers represent.
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Understanding the World

History	We will talk about the monarchy and look at the key members of the royal family when we look at animals from around the world and learn about the kings of the Jungle. We will also learn about different customs and traditions within the British calendar such as Valentines day and explore celebrations that have developed around Chinese New Year.
Geography	As we learn about where the different animals come from and learn about Chinese new year We will use this opportunity to learn more about different cultures, stories and traditions.
Science	In science we will begin to look for the signs of Spring; looking for new shoots, first flowers and changes in the weather. We will be providing experiences inside and outside the classroom for the children to ask questions, make observations, describe and discuss what they see.

Physical development	The children will continue to build up the strength in their hands through Dough Disco and Squiggle Whilst You Wiggle. There will be lots of planned activities; independent and adult led, aimed at giving the children opportunities to practice holding mark making tools and helping them to develop their fine motor skills. We will continue to run, climb, ride and throw using the equipment in our outside space and participate weekly PE sessions focusing this term on Ball skills.	Personal, social, emotional development	Our main focus this term will be Sharing. As a staff we will regularly remind and encourage the children to share with each other and practise this skill. We will also be providing opportunities for the children to practise this skill through games and activities. We will continue to learn to choose and use resources that we would like to play with. We will learn to become more independent.
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Expressive art and design	The children will continue to develop their imaginations in their play. They will be able to freely use junk modelling and a range of craft resources to express and develop their own creativity and imaginations. We will be looking at mixing colours to make new colours and shades and use a range of techniques to recreate different animal patterns and representations of the animals we are learning about.	Religious Education	This half term's RE theme is 'Celebrations' We will look at how different cultures celebrate New Years and also the celebration of Holi a festival celebrated within the religion of Hinduism.
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