



## Reception Class Newsletter Summer Term 1

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

### Curriculum Overview

Our topic this term is called 'Amazing Animals'. 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 explore animal features and find out how they survive in the wild. They will compare the ways that animals are similar and different. They will also learn about nocturnal animals. As part of our topic your child will also learn all about minibeasts. We will observe minibeasts in their natural habitats and create shelters for them to live in. In addition, your child will create an animal puppet and explore African artwork.

#### Supporting your child at home with this topic

- Visit a library and find out facts about your favourite animal.
- Watch and talk about the 'virtual zoo days' at Chester zoo <https://www.chesterzoo.org/virtual-zoo-2/>
- Make a model of your favourite animal.
- Go on a local walk looking for minibeast. Your child could draw a picture or take a photograph of the minibeasts they find.

**Phonics** - We will continue to have daily Phonics lessons and learn Set 2 sounds.

**Maths** - We will be learning all about numbers 11-20, as well as 3D shapes.

**RE** - Our R.E. topic this half term is called "Why is the word 'God' so important to Christians?" We will be learning all about what the Bible says about God.

**Music** - Our topic this half term is called 'Big Bear Funk'.

**PE** - Our PE lesson is every Wednesday at 9am, long hair needs to be tied up and earrings removed please.

### Reading

**Home readers** - Please use the boom reader app to record each time your child reads at home. Please ensure your child brings their reading book to school every day.

**Library books** - Every Friday Reception class will visit the school library. Children are allowed to take one book home to share with their grown-ups each week. We then expect the book to be returned on the following Friday to exchange for a new book.

### Links with home

Tapestry accounts - Please upload photos and videos of things your child gets up to at home that they would like to share with the class in show and tell time.

### General Notices

**Behaviour system** - In class we have discussed expected and unacceptable behaviour. Children are rewarded with team points for good behaviour in and around school and these contribute to our whole school team point totals. We also choose a star of the week each Friday in Reception Class.

**Birthday** - Your child can come in their own clothes on their birthday. If their birthday falls at the weekend or a school holiday, please choose the day closest to it.

**Water bottles** - Please only send plain water in these.

**Labelling clothes** - Please ensure that you have labelled all your child's belongings, including P.E. kit, school uniform, bags, bottles, coats and shoes.

**Weather** - In Reception class we go outside whatever the weather! Please bring a raincoat every day. As the weather gets warmer children need to bring a sun hat to school and apply a long-lasting sun cream before coming to school. Children can reapply later in the day if required. Please name their bottle of sun cream (we would recommend a roll-on sun cream, if possible.)