

Curriculum Overview Nursery

Lent Term 2025

Theme: Amazing Animals



Please find below information about what your child will be learning this term. If you would like more information speak to your child's teacher.

Religious Education**Topic: Galilee to Jerusalem**

Hear - The Wise Men visit Jesus (Matt 2:1-12).
Jesus welcomes the little children (Mk 10:v16).
Jesus blesses the little children (story retold)

Believe - Jesus was born for everyone

Celebrate - The Glory Be is a special prayer.

Live Show love to everyone like Jesus.

Vocabulary –Mary, Joseph, Jesus, Kings, Wise Men, Camel, Visit, Gift, Love, Feed, Share.

Communication and Language

Understand a question or instruction that has two parts such as "Get your coat and wait at the door."

Use a wider range of vocabulary.

Use longer sentences of four to six words.

Personal Social and Emotional Development

Learning the names of new friends and new routines.

Circle time focus on sharing and taking turns. Make choices about activities such as using resources to make junk model bug hotels. Suggest ways of caring for animals and humans. Learn ways to be healthy through exercise. Develops friendships with more children Start to rely less on key person input and guidance.

Physical Development

Gross Motor: They will start taking part in group activities that develop strength and skill in throwing balls and beanbags as well as negotiate space in the classroom around their peers in "Animal" exercises.

Fine Motor: They will develop pencil control when tracing lines and over their name. They will extend this control into drawing their face.

Literacy**Key Texts:**

We are going on a Bear Hunt
The Very Hungry Caterpillar
The Three Little Pigs
The Rainbow Fish

The children will further develop their concepts of print.
They will develop their understanding of a sequence of a story.

Phonics

The children will revisit early listening skills.
They will listen to and identify different sounds in the environment.
The children will listen to different animal sounds and copy them.
They will identify loud and quiet sounds.

Maths**White Rose Maths Topics:**

Counting 1, 2 and 3

The children are developing counting to 3 and beyond with 1 to 1 correspondence.
They are developing their subitising skills up to 3.

Understanding the World

The children will develop their understanding of animal lifecycles. They will learn about vets and farmers.
They will learn to care for animals through role experiences.

Expressive Art and Design

The children will learn to make marks intentionally, looking at their faces and animals for inspiration and copy what they see.
They will explore how to join different materials together in making bug hotels.
They will take part in pretend Vet role play and use resources to act out stories they have enjoyed.

Sub Topics:

Life cycles, Safari,
Animals around the world
Climates / Hibernation
Down on the Farm
Mini Beasts, Night and day animals, Animal patterns, David Attenborough, Happy Habitats
Chinese New Year, National Story Telling Week, Valentine's Day