

Curriculum Overview Reception

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.



Hear: The visit of the Magi (Matt 2:1-12). Jesus blesses the little children (Mk 10:13-16). Feeding of 5000 (Jn 6:1-14).

Believe: The Magi visited Jesus with gifts. He is God's Son and came for everyone. This is celebrated at Christmas. Jesus came to show God's love and welcomes everyone. He takes care of everyone.

Celebrate: That the Church prays the 'Glory Be' as a response to the coming of Jesus

Live: We welcome and show love to everyone in our words and actions as Jesus does. We are called to help the poor and hungry.

Vocabulary – Mary, Joseph, Jesus, Magi, Kings, Wise Men, Camel, Visit, Gift, Gold, Bless, Welcome, Love, Feed, Share, Miracle.

Communication and Language

Learn new vocabulary related to the topic. Use new vocabulary in different contexts. Ask questions to find out more and to check that they understand what has been said to them.

Articulate their ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentences.

Listen attentively and respond to what they hear with relevant questions, comments and actions when being read and during whole class discussions and small group interactions.

Personal Social and Emotional Development

How to care for others ourselves, others and animals.

Further develop the understanding of Zones of Regulation.

Enrich the children's understanding of a healthy lifestyle.

Read the Elephant and the Bad Baby – discuss rules and consequences.

Physical Development

Gross Motor: Practise control and balance when adding movements together to form simple dance sequences based on our topic. Work effectively with a partner and perform simple sequences of movements.

Fine Motor: Form long letters correctly. Begin to form 1,2,3,4,5 Attempts to write simple captions.

Literacy

Key Texts: Owl Babies

Continue to make informed predictions about what may happen in a story. Show increasing interest in writing using their own ideas as motivation. Orally compose what they will write before writing.

Phonics

Learn new GPCS: : oo, ar, ur, oo, or, ow, oi, ear, air, ure, er, ow

Practise re-reading CVC words and words in short captions and sentences for speed and automaticity. Continue to write CVC words using Sound Talk and sound mats for support

Maths

White Rose Maths Topics: Alive in 5! Introducing zero. Comparing numbers to 5. Composition of 4 and 5. Comparing mass and capacity. Growing 6, 7, and 8. Making pairs. Comparing 2 groups. Length and height. Time.

Mastering Number: Pupils will continue to develop their subitising and counting skills and explore the composition of numbers within and beyond 5. They will begin to identify when two sets are equal or unequal and connect two equal groups to doubles. They will begin to connect quantities to numerals

Understanding the World

Listening to stories and placing events in chronological order.

What can we do here to take care of animals in different parts of the world?

Explore a range of jungle animals.

Learn animal names and label their body parts.

Nocturnal Animals. Making sense of different habitats. Describing and commenting on things they have seen whilst outside, including plants and animals.

Expressive Art and Design

Children will be encouraged to select the tools and techniques they need to assemble materials that they are using Rousseau's Tiger, animal prints, designing homes for hibernating animals. Collage owls, symmetrical butterflies. Animal masks. Chinese Lanterns, puppet making, Chinese music and composition. Shadow Puppets, using different techniques for joining materials, such as how to use adhesive tape and different sorts of glue.

Possible 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