

Term	Summer term 2
Class Year group	Nursery
Topic	Amazing Animals!
Overview of topic	This half term our learning will be based around Animals. We will be learning about lots of different animals. We will sort them into groups of Pets / Wild / Farm / Sea. We will find out about what they look like? Where they live? What they eat? We will use the children's own experiences of pets and visits to the farm as well as our class visit to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park!
Communication and Language focus	We will be doing lots of talking about different animals. We will use our first hand experiences of animals to make a class frieze of our visit to the Yorkshire Wildlife park. We will draw and write about our favourite parts of the day. We will use this to retell a class 'recount' of our day. We will read lots of stories about animals and join in with our favourite parts like 'Dear Zoo' and we will use information books to find out about animals.
Physical Development focus	We will continue to be independent around nursery, by putting our coats on and off. We will try to use the toilet and wash our hands by ourselves. We will explore outdoors by running, jumping, climbing and moving in different ways. We will take part in sports day activities, racing and throwing different equipment and we all join in write dance to develop our gross motor skills. We will practise holding our pencils correctly and practise copying letters from our name ready for when we start Reception.
Personal, Social and Emotional Development focus	We will continue to support the children to be independent at making choices of what they would like to play with. We will continue to build on our routines and relationships. We will work together taking turns and sharing resources in our play. We will talk positively about our move to our new Reception class and support the children during their transition days.
Other learning	As part of our learning we will also be encouraging the children to capture their experiences of our visit by painting, drawing, making models of their favourite animals. We will be using animals in our mathematics by problem solving how many animals are there? If one runs away? If the farmer brings in two more? We will use look at exploring different measures like weight and height. We will learn lots of animal songs and explore making music around animals.
Things to do at home	At the start of every term we send home a mind map showing learning the children will take part in. We love to hear about what you have been doing with your children at home and welcome your child to bring in any learning / photographs that support our learning. Speaking and listening to your children is so important and our mind maps can be used to prompt discussions about what we have been doing at nursery this week. Singing and sharing stories together is also a valuable experience you can share with your child.