

Happy New Year to you all!
Our topic for the Spring term is Animal magic!

This term is very exciting as we have been welcoming new children to our Nursery. It has been lovely to see the settled children show their new friends how to play and follow our class rules and routines.

This half term we have been reading books about animals. We have also been talking about The Lunar New Year which begins on Sunday 22nd January.



Please remember to share stories with your child every day and support them with their understanding of the concepts of print. Also practice oral blending of words as well as counting and number recognition.

We are very excited to be welcoming a visitor from The Eagle Heights Wildlife Foundation on Tuesday 31st January. He will bring along four amazing birds of prey for the children to learn all about.

Please have a look at just **some** of the things we will be learning in the Spring term.

Personal, Social and Emotional

- We are going to welcome and make friends with children who are new to nursery.
- We are going to care for others and learn how we care for animals.
- We are going to develop our independence skills.
- We will continue to develop our sharing and turn taking skills.

Physical development

- We are going to practice using pens and pencils correctly to form some letters in our name.
- We will continue to develop our cutting skills using scissors.
- We will use our bodies to move in different ways when moving like different animals.
- We will put on our coats all by ourselves and do them up too.

Communication, Language and Literacy

- We will listen to stories and recall, joining in with repeated phrases
- We will retell stories too in our own words.
- We will differentiate between different sounds and identify where they are coming from.
- We will begin to segment and blend sounds in words orally
- We will begin to learn the sounds that some letters make.
- We will ascribe meanings to marks when mark making.
- We will begin to write our names.

Mathematics

- We will practice counting as far as we can with one to one correspondence.
- We will begin to recognise numeral 1-5, 6-10 and then to 20.
- We are going to match amount to numeral.
- We will explore and name 2d and 3d shapes when making pictures and models.
- We will develop our understanding of positional language such as behind, in front, next to, in-between, under and on top of
- We will order 3 sizes big, medium and large.

Understanding the world

- We will talk about our environment and how to take care of it.
- We will name and talk about animals and observe their features; what they look like, what they sound like, where they live, who are their babies.
- We will learn about different celebrations.

Expressive arts and design

- We will move our bodies in different ways to music when being animals.
- We will tap out syllables in our names and simple rhythms using different parts of our bodies and percussion instruments.
- We will sing lots of songs and rhymes
- We are going to create pictures and models using different materials.
- We are going to engage in role play such as a vets and pet shop.