

# Reception newsletter - Summer 1

## Communication and Language (CL)

This half term, we will be learning about different types of animals such as Sea, Farm and Zoo animals! Children will be encouraged to use 'WOW' words to describe the animals. Pupils will continue to use their talk partner skills and respond to what they say as well as asking questions. Pupils will be encouraged to use 'because' and 'then' to extend sentences. Pupils will use props to role play some new stories and will be encouraged to listen to others' ideas during play.

## Literacy Development (LD)

Children will be revising and consolidating Phonics phases 2-4 this half-term. They will continue to practise and apply their blending and segmenting skills in reading and writing. We will read stories based on animals such as 'Rainbow Fish', 'Farmer Duck' and 'Dear Zoo'.

Pupils will continue to practise their reading skills and will take a book home each week. They can also read books online on Bug Club. Please read comments in your child's reading diary and add your own comments about their reading development.

## Understanding of the World (UW)

Over the coming weeks, children will be learning about wild, farm, pet, and sea animals. We will learn about their habitats and what they like to eat. They will learn about the different life cycles of some animals. In Computing, they will learn to control and move a range of technical toys such as bee-bots.



## Expressive Arts and Design (EAD)

In Art and Design, pupils will explore various animal patterns and create their own patterns using colours and shapes. They will select materials and experiment with ways to join them. We will develop observational drawings of animals. We will experiment with a variety of collage materials and junk modelling to make animal models.



**Dear Parents and Carers,**  
**This newsletter is to let you know what the children will be doing over the next few weeks in Reception and how you can support them at home.**

**Our topic will be Animals**



**John Perry Primary School**



## Key dates

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April: Summer 1 Term begins**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May: School closed (May Day)**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May: Break for half term**

## Reminders

**Please remember that jewellery is not permitted in school**

**Please ensure that the children are in correct uniform and that they are wearing the correct footwear i.e. black or navy shoes.**

## Personal, Social, Emotional Development (PSED)

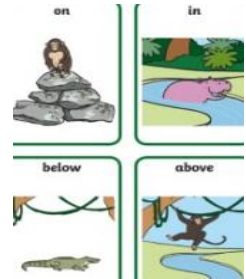
Over the next few weeks, the children will be thinking about safety around animals. We will also be discussing ways that we can care for and look after different animals and pets.

Pupils will continue to develop independence skills and given small responsibilities. Children will continue to develop their turn taking and sharing skills.



## Mathematical Development (MD)

Pupils will be encouraged to count to 100. They will continue to practise recognising, ordering and writing numerals from 11-20 and beyond. They will learn to read o'clock times and they will be using positional language, such as down, behind, up in front of.



## Physical Development (PD)

In PE lessons, pupils will continue to use a range of equipment with increasing control and accuracy. Children will be encouraged to feel confident through a range of songs and games.

Children will continue to develop their hand eye co-ordination by using a pair of scissors correctly and safely to cut out shapes. They will continue fine motor activities to help develop and improve their handwriting.

