EYFS CURRICULUM NEWS
SPRING TERM 2 - 2026
'AMAZING ANIMALS'



As mini learners the children in the Early Years Foundation Stage will be exploring our new topic 'Amazing Animals!'. We will cover everything from minibeasts, wild animals, pets and farm animals and include the food that they eat. We have already welcomed the farm to school (kindly supported by the HSA, thank you!) In connection to this we will be sewing seeds, planting potatoes and repotting our extensive strawberry collection. We will not forget our insect friends and will also be designing a wildflower area for the bees and butterflies.

English – As mini readers and writers we will use a variety of books and texts to support our writing. We start with 'The Tiny Seeds' by Eric Carle and learn about seed dispersal and use this book to label the parts of a flower. 'Jack and the Beanstalk' is our main text for this term. We love sharing the number of 'spin-off' stories that are available including; 'Jack and the Incredibly Mean Stalk', 'Jack and the Jelly Bean Stalk', 'Trust me Jack's Beanstalk Stinks', 'Jack and the Baked Bean Stalk', and 'Jim an the Beanstalk'. We use these to inspire the children to use their own imagination and design what they would like to find at the top of the beanstalk. We are aiming to move towards the children using simple sentences to write about their own ideas.

Phonics - In phonics, the Reception children will continue to focus on blending sounds together for reading. We will also be practising the skill of segmenting sound to write 3 and 4 letter words. In writing, we are teaching children to start to put words together to write simple sentences and captions to complement their pictures. We will also be focussing more on those words that cannot be decoded – the red 'tricky words'.

World Book Day falls in this term and we will celebrate the event with a dress up day on Thursday 5th March. We will enjoy a week of fun activities centered around developing a love of reading and enjoyment of books, perhaps even including guest authors and guest storytellers. We will spend time creating our own books to share with our friends in class!

Understanding the World - As mini geographers and scientists, we will read books such as 'Fran's Flower', learning about the patience we need to help plants grow. We may experiment with growing seeds in different environments and under different conditions, to help us understand the needs of a plant. We will become nature detectives and get outside looking for signs of new growth as spring is in the air. We will also be hunting for signs, natural objects and perhaps even eggs, in our outside area. Hopefully there will be clues to help us along the way. We will also be looking at ways to become more environmentally friendly in our school, including recycling and keeping our own habitats clean and tidy.

Maths - As mini mathematicians we will be exploring height and length (and explaining the difference), look at order and sequences and discuss how we measure time. Hopefully we can use these ideas in context with our growing of plants and vegetables. We will be extending our number knowledge by comparing numbers to 10, and exploring different representations of the numbers we have already covered. Using our mathematician brains we will continue finding ways to make a number – as mathematicians, we call these number bonds. Some of these number bonds will be doubles, and we will explore doubles though our learning about odd and even numbers. We will continue to follow the White Rose Maths Mastery approach to deepening their knowledge of the composition of number.

PSHE and Religious Education - As mini thinkers we will learn about the origins of Mother's Day and explore Mothering Sunday celebrations in the UK over time. We will make and create Mother's Day cards to share with you at home. We will continue to discuss and understand our school values, focusing on kindness and respect. We will also explore the Easter story and get ready for our church service. We have a song to learn and share with your all. As well as learning about the significance of church at Easter. We will study the Easter story from the bible and find out why lent is important to Christians.

Physical Development - IAs mini sports stars, we are learning gymnastics. We will learn to hold static balances, on our own and with a partner. We will also learn how to use our bodies to create shapes and how to move between shapes linking our ideas together to form a sequence.

Expressive Arts and Design – As mini artists by looking at fun ways to recycle and making new objects from old. We will become 'Up cyclers!'. We will be looking at how Spring brings new colours in nature, looking closely at trees and flowers, blossom and all forms of new life. We will decorate our class tree with blossom and, perhaps, even some Easter eggs. We will explore different types of paint and media, discovering the different artistic effects we can get by using them. We will also listen and learn how we use music to represent the change in weather and seasons, including how singing helps us to celebrate festivals and events.