



# Rectory Farm Primary School

## Reception Class Spring 1 Newsletter



This Curriculum newsletter aims to give you an insight into what we will be learning this term.  
Please talk to your child about what he/she is learning at school.

### Topic: Amazing Animals

This term we will be exploring and comparing animals living in England and the Polar Regions. At the beginning of term, we will be talking about animals which we see daily and will explore the concept of pets being animals which live in our homes and depend on humans. We will then move on to explore different nocturnal animals living within England and comparing the similarities and differences between them. We will also be learning about animals living in the polar regions, their habitats, and physical features and how these differ from the animals we have explored within England. We will also explore animals of the past and learn about dinosaurs and Mary Anning.

We will also be continuing our work on Celebrations and be learning about Chinese New Year and the importance of animals within this festival. We will have an enrichment afternoon to enable children to experience tasting Chinese food and listening to Chinese music.

### How you can help at home

- Encourage your child to practice their phonics knowledge in different situations e.g identifying known sounds on labels, signposts, food packaging.
- Practicing life skills such as doing up zips, fastening buttons and putting on gloves
- Read to your child regularly to evoke their love of reading and ask questions to support their understanding.
- Play board games with your child to support their communication and language skills - this also supports children's social and emotional development and mathematical skills

### Maths

This term in Maths we will be continuing to explore numbers to 10 by recognising and ordering numerals and identifying different ways which numbers are composed e.g. 5 is made up of 2 and 3, 4 and 1. We will continue to explore the principles of counting and learn the concept of 5 and a bit when exploring larger numbers.

To support your child with their maths learning you could provide opportunities for regular counting within the home and get your child to compare different quantities identifying which is more/less.

### Reminders

- Please record any reading done at home in your child's reading record – this can be any book that you have shared with your child as well as their sharing and phonics book
- Please ensure your child brings a hat, scarf, gloves, and warm coat as we do lots of our learning outside