

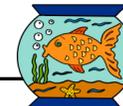
Talk to your child about where different animals come from. Share animal books with your child, both fiction and non-fiction. Talk about how to care and look after animals. If you have a pet, encourage your child to help you feed it, take it for walks. Write instructions together about how to look after your pet or a pretend pet.



Creative ideas for home...

- Make an animal out of junk
- Make a sock puppet snake
- Make a jungle with puppets out of a shoe box
- Move like different animals
- Encourage birds into your garden by making a bird feeder
- Make your own information book about different animals

Sing number songs with your child that relate to animals and encourage simple calculation - 1,2,3, 4, 5 once I caught a fish alive / 5 little ducks went swimming one day / one elephant went out to play / 5 little fishes.



Our theme this half term is...

## Animals

We will be basing a lot of our activities around our core book

**My Perfect Pet by Stuart Trotter**

Our core book will be sent home with every child to share during the term alongside an activity pack.

In Mathematics we will be focusing on number order and number recognition 1-10 (some children may move onto 1-20), looking at size, pattern, weight and length in relation to our topic.

Encourage your child to recite the number names in order from 1-10 and beyond if able. Count jumps or clap hands together when counting.

Play number recognition games e.g. snap with numbers cards, what numbers can you see on doors, in the supermarket etc, number jigsaws, number hunt around the house, draw a hopscotch on ground outside and so on...

You can support your child with alliteration by playing I spy, making up silly sentences beginning with the same sound e.g. Silly sally sausage, Meg mog mully moo. Encourage your child to blend sounds together by playing games such as find the object using robot talk e.g. put your c-oo-t on.

Learn our Bookstart rhyme together each week. Have a go at changing the words to your favourite rhymes e.g. Hickory Dickory Dable, the mouse ran up the cable.

This half term we will be focusing on name recognition and for those that are ready we will work on writing their name using our pre-cursive style.

### CHALLENGE

**This term's challenge is...**

To draw a picture, create a collage or a sculpture of their favourite animal and bring it into Nursery to be displayed.



This half term we will be finding out about and celebrating the Chinese New Year. Talk to your child about the celebration. You could even sample some Chinese food at home.



### Key Dates

**16/2/18 Chinese New Year** - The first week back we will be talking about and celebrating the Chinese New Year in Nursery and hopefully have a visitor in to talk to the children about how they celebrate.

**28/2/18** - Parent consultations

**1/3/18** - Parent consultations

**1/3/18** - World Book Day (more info to follow)

**Pet Visits** - Over the next term we will have visits from various pets.

**27/3/18 - Easter Fun Day Stay and play.** Lots of exciting fun games and crafts for everyone to enjoy.

**29/3/18** - School Closes for Easter