



Fry Class Newsletter

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Welcome from Mrs. Neale!

I hope you had a magical and restful Christmas break! Happy New Year to you all. I am very excited to be teaching Fry Class for the Spring and Summer terms and I hope to meet many of you over the coming weeks.

### Reminders

Please make sure all children's items and clothing is named. Sometimes it can be quite tricky to distinguish clothing and PE kit, if names are not found on labels!

Please ensure your children come to school with a winter, waterproof coat. Unless it is extremely wet weather, we are always outside for playtimes.

Please ensure your children have wellington boots at school so that they may go on the field for Outdoor Learning and at playtime.

### Home Learning

This term, every child will receive a Phonics Pack. Each Pack contains flashcards for all the phonemes we have been learning in our phonics lessons, as well as some helpful guidance for you, regarding pronunciation. The Phonics Packs only contain the phonemes that have been covered at school so far. Every week, new phoneme cards will be added to the Packs.

Also included are some 'tricky' words – words that do not sound out as they are spelt.

Please try and practise phonics with your child daily – it really helps them develop confidence in reading, writing, and spelling!

## Junk Modelling

If you can save items such as toilet roll/kitchen roll tubes, cereal boxes and clean yoghurt pots to donate to our Junk Modelling collection, we would be very grateful!

## Our topic this half term is Amazing Animals!

### Communication and Language

We will be talking about lots of different animals and their habitats. Where do they live in the world? What do they eat? What do their babies look like? Are they endangered and what does this mean?

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be working together as Jungle Explorers! We will work alongside one another and learn that our differences are what make us special but that we have common goals which can be accomplished together. We will read stories that promote differences and acceptance – such as Elmer and the Ugly Five.

### Literacy

This term we will be focussing on the storybook called 'The Something', by Rebecca Cobb. The children will learn new vocabulary, discuss the different sections of a story and begin to write words and some phrases/sentences.

We will focus on non-fiction and fiction texts which provide the children with the opportunity to learn about different climates around the world.

### Mathematics

We will be introducing the number zero – we will be singing lots of different counting songs.

We will compare numbers to 5. We will learn about the composition of 4 and 5.

We will compare different masses and compare capacity.  
We will compare lengths and heights and look at the unit of time.

### Understanding the World

We will name and talk about the different animals in our world. We will talk about jungles and where they can be located.

We will look at the skins, coats and patterns of animals. We will talk about ways in which animals are similar and different.

We will discuss where animals live and how they adapt to different climates.

### Expressive Arts and Design

We will be creating paintings of animals and looking at animal prints. We will learn collage techniques to create a jungle scene. We will learn about colour mixing to create different shades of the same colour. We will use objects such as sugar cubes to build structures.