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Spring 1:

I hope you have all had a wonderful break and are ready for a busy half term! This term our curriculum question is 'Where do animals live?'. We will be looking at the texts 'I went walking' by Sue Williams, 'Monkey and me' by Emily Gravett and 'Dear zoo' by Rod Campbell. We will be looking at different animals and habitats. Miss Imran will be working with us this half term to support those children with English as an Additional Language. Miss Imran speaks Urdu and is looking forward to getting to know all of the children!

Please remember:

- Please stay 2m apart from other parents and wear a face covering when in school grounds.
- Please allow staff to release 1-2 children at a time. It may take longer but ensures the safety of all the children and aids social distancing.
- Please bring a spare change of clothes for your child (this does not have to be uniform). Ensure name is on all uniform.
- Please ensure that your child has weather appropriate clothing, including a warm coat when it is cold. We aim to go outside every day in all weathers.
- Please bring a named water bottle in for your child. This is very important as we are not currently having cups in classrooms.
- Children will have access to milk and fruit every day. Please do not bring any food into school.
- Home school books will be given on a Friday or parents will be directed to dojo if home learning is online.
- Please return home school diaries and upload to dojo by the following Wednesday.

Home Learning

Thank You to all parents who are currently accessing class dojo. Please familiarise yourself with this as home learning may be online and also learning will be online if our bubble closes.

COVID 19

Please ensure that you wear a face mask and drop your child off from a distance to the Nursery door, preferably not under the canopy area. If your child needs to self-isolate or if our bubble closes learning will be put dojo. Please ensure you have access to this and upload photos of learning. You can also bring learning into school when your child returns. Please inform the office as soon as possible if your child is isolating so we are aware of the situation. If your child tests positive over the weekend or on Friday, please email covid@awepa.org.uk as soon as possible so we can begin contact tracing.

Theme:

Animals- Where do animals live?

Personal, social and emotional development:

We will be talking about how to deal with conflicts and disagreements and continue to work on sharing and helping others. We will also begin to introduce responsibilities such as 'tidy up monitors'.

Physical development:

This half term, we will be focusing on beginning to write some letters from our name. Can you practice at home? Children will begin with the first letter and begin to copy the other letters. We will still be practicing lots of different fine motor skills such as using tweezers, making marks with different media and copying patterns and lines.

We will also be practicing catching a large ball, riding scooters and bikes and using our brand new climbing frame! We will also be talking about how we can move our body in different ways like the animals from the story.

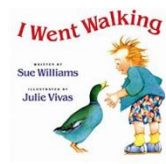
Communication and language:

We will be supporting language in provision and introducing new vocabulary to describe objects. We will be naming and describing different animals and following clues about animals from the story. We will also be listening to stories and talking about what happens, retelling a story and beginning to answer why questions.

Reading & Phonics:

Our curriculum texts are:

- I went walking- Sue Williams
- Monkey and me- Emily Gravett
- Dear Zoo- Rod Campbell



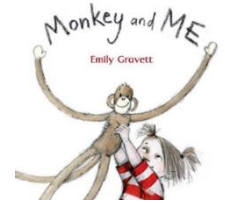
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English support is given to those children who need it and we now have an Urdu speaking member of staff to support children's language in the setting.

We will continue to use the visual timetable to talk about events in the day and use the language of time 'first' 'then' to describe when things are happening.

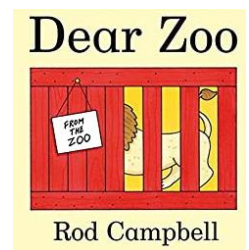
We will be acting out the events and moving like the different animals from the story. We will be sequencing and retelling the story, and creating our own stories using our favourite animals!

We will be continuing with our daily story time. Please try to read with your child every night. Talk to them about what you have read.



We will continue with Phase 1 Phonics with children daily. This focuses on different aspects of listening including listening to exploring with instruments, listening to rhymes and matching rhyming pairs.

Some children will be beginning Phase 2 Phonics and learning some sounds. Children will also take part in short guided reading sessions. These will be looking at a book with an adult, both guided reading books and books in the Reading Area.



Writing:

We will be continuing to draw pictures using different media and make marks for writing. We will also be practicing our names.

We will be making marks using lots of different media such as chalks, paint, glitter, and water.

Numbers:

We will be singing lots of number songs and rhymes in school and encouraging children to join in with the words and actions.

Last term we started our 'Number of the week'. We will recap numbers 1-10. We will also be practicing counting and saying how many, and matching numeral to quantity.

We will also be using positional language to describe where objects are such as 'on' 'in' and 'under'. We will also continue to look at repeating patterns.

Shape, space and measure:

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Understanding the world:

Children have access to an investigation area, science area and lightbox.

We will be looking at Animals and where they live. We will be talking about different environments and habitats.

Expressive arts and design:

Children have access to a creative area and painting easel during provision times. They can use this area to create pictures and models using the different resources available.

We will be encouraging children to use the resources available to make creative pictures and also modelling how to use the painting easel to create pictures. The children have fantastic creative skills!

Library books

We will now be giving children Library books weekly now they have settled into Nursery. Children will receive a Library book of their choice every Friday with their home learning. Please ensure that you bring their book back by the following Wednesday.

The available books children can choose from will be rotated weekly due to COVID. Any books children bring back will be left for at least 3 days to ensure there are no virus particles on returned books. If a book is damaged or lost, staff ask parents to pay for the cost of the book.

Dates for the diary:

- School opens- Monday 4th January 2021
- School closes- Friday 12th February 2021
- School opens- Monday 22nd February 2021
- School closes- Thursday 1st April 2021

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