

Britannia Nursery Animals and Dinosaurs Spring Term



Children will continue to learn about the passing of time, seasons, counting, 1 more than a number, and recognising numerals through the daily calendar at carpet time. We will think in more detail about the season of winter and which animals like to live in a cold climate .



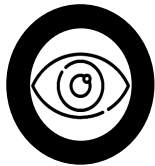
Key vocab: winter, cold, ice, snow,



fog, dark, crisp, freezing, frost.



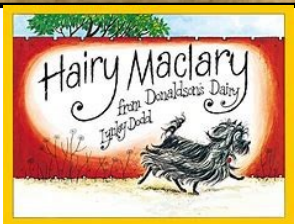
Through this topic children will learn to talk about the things that they have observed such as animals and natural found objects, looking closely at similarities, differences, patterns and change. They will learn to show care and concern for living things and the environment.



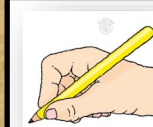
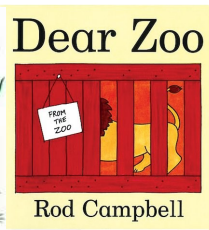
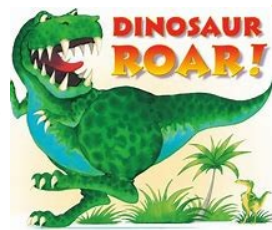
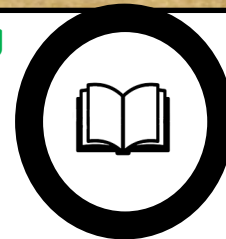
Children will have the opportunity to comment and ask questions about aspects of their familiar natural world. What do animals and dinosaurs eat? Where do they live? Are they alive today? Where do they live? How do we care for them?



Children will be able to act out their experiences through role play. Taking on the roles of a vet, zoo keeper or palaeontologist. They will learn about different cultures and their traditions such as Chinese New Year. Children will show interest in different occupations and ways of life.

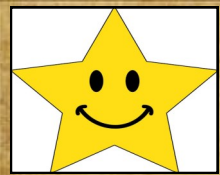


Children will re tell stories with increasing recall. They will listen and join in one to one and also in small groups. Children will join in with repeated refrains and anticipates key events and phrases in rhymes and stories. They will be aware of the way stories are structured and be able to use common story language. Children will begin to describe story settings, key events and principal characters—suggesting how a story might end.



Children will now recognise their name with confidence and have further opportunities to carefully form the letters of their name and hold a pencil correctly. They will begin tracing over these each day and have lots of opportunities to practise at Nursery.

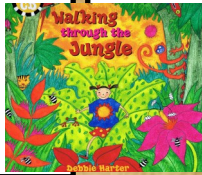




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Children will develop their physical and gross motor skills, moving in a variety of ways like an animal, a dinosaur or performing a 'Chinese Dragon Dance' together! We will continue to play outside where children can take risks, climb, jump, ride bikes and create obstacle courses.



Some children will begin to learn the different sounds that each letter makes in Read Write Inc.

They will also practise forming these letters and begin to hear the sounds that make up words.



Children will continue to take part in group time and develop their listening and attention skills. They will practise turn taking, listening to their friends, learn new vocabulary, become more outgoing towards familiar people in new social situations, and learn to talk confidently in a small group. Children will also learn to listen to and discriminate between environmental sounds.



In Maths children will develop a deeper understanding of each number to 10. They will learn about the language of size and position—tallest/shortest /biggest/smallest/above/below/in front/behind/next to. Children will learn ordinal numbers 1st 2nd 3rd, first and last. They will also start to solve mathematical problems, taking 1 away from a group of objects or adding 1 more.



Key Vocabulary:

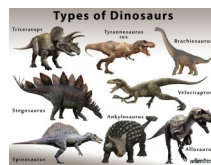
Animal and dinosaur names

Nature

Extinct

The same/different

Herbivore/Carnivore



Children will develop their pencil control and drawing skills, learning how to draw animals and think carefully about using detail in their art work. Children will also use different materials in junk modelling and learn how to construct using different techniques and equipment.



Children will continue to develop their fine motor skills in Dough Disco! They will use playdough and perform different moves to music. This will build up the strength in their fingers for holding a pencil and forming letters correctly.

