

Spring 1 Key Knowledge – Amazing Animals

In the Early Years Foundation Stage we want all children to acquire key foundational knowledge alongside their phonic and mathematical knowledge. Below are the essential 'roots' we have identified our children need to have success in the next stage of their education and in later life.



EYFS Roots

I understand that animals live in different environments, and I know how they adapt to those environments.

I know what a life cycle is. I can talk about what animals and plants need to survive.

I can recall key facts from non-fiction texts that we have been reading, using new vocabulary.

I can make up my own stories, and I know the beginning, middle and end story structure.

I can follow more complex instructions, develop resilience and persevere when faced with a challenge and work with others.

I know how to use different techniques for joining materials, such as how to use adhesive tape and different types of glue.

I know how to cut, thread, weave and manipulate dough. I can use the 'Nip, Flip, Grip!' mantra to hold my pencil in a comfortable and correct way.

I understand the concept of the numbers 1-8 and can make pairs and combine two groups.

I understand the difference between odd and even numbers.

I can compare length, height and time.

I know the work of Andy Goldsworthy and Eric Carle.

I know how to move in different ways and at different speeds. I can copy, repeat and perform different movement patterns.



Ready

I know how to be ready to learn



Respectful

I know how to respect everyone and everything in our school



Safe

I know how to keep myself and others safe.



Literacy

I know how to blend simple words.
I can recognise many graphemes including digraphs and trigraphs.
I can write words using my phonetic knowledge.



Maths

I can recognise, form and compare numbers 0-8.

Essential Vocabulary

I know the meaning of these words-

Pets

Wild Animals

Farm Animals

Mini-Beast

Habitat

Life Cycle

Add

One more/less
Digraph/trigraph

These books will help me to learn about animals from around the world.



These books will help me have a better understanding of the changes around me: including seasons and weather.



I know the names of 5 feeling and can talk about them;

Happy
Sad
Angry
Tired
Calm