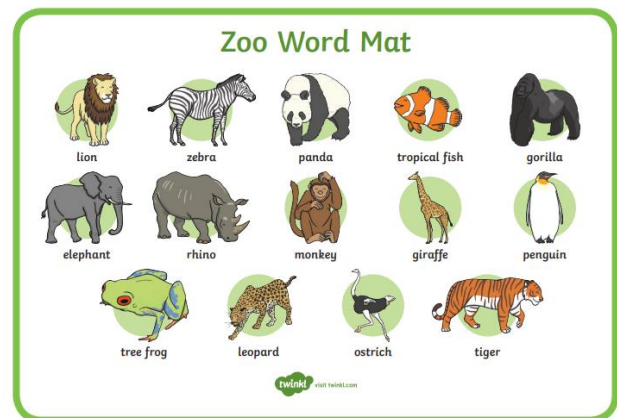


Dear Parents and Carers,

A big welcome back to Term 2. This term the children will be 'Celebrating Difference'. We will be learning about celebrations around the world, including Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas. Please see below a copy of key vocabulary that you can help your child learn at home. We will also be learning about different animals and their habitats. As part of our learning, we will be reading a wide variety of texts about animals.



Reminders

- Some children are still coming into pre-school without spare clothes. It is essential that all children have a clean change of clothes (including underwear) in their bag.
- Please ensure, where appropriate that children have enough nappies and wipes.
- If possible please leave some wellies and waterproof clothing at pre-school. We understand that this is not always possible.
- Please provide a named water bottle with water ONLY
- We would prefer children NOT to bring in personal items such as toys as they become upset when other children want to share them or they get lost.

Dates for your diary

On 22nd November we will be having our One World day. Children will be asked to come into pre-school dressed as a person from another country. We will also be asking children to bring in a nut free snack from their chosen country. To help the children understand and appreciate their links to the wider world we would like to create a display in class. Please can you send in via dojo photos of any countries the children have visited or friends or family they have abroad.

On Wednesday 6th December in the afternoon the Starfish children will be taking part in a Christmas production. More details to follow.



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Thursday 14th December Starfish and Minnows will be having a Share and Learn event at 9am until 10am. Parents are warmly invited into the classroom to celebrate the child's learning and take part in some fun activities.

Friday 15th December- last day of term.

Reading

We will soon be launching a book lending library. Children will be able to choose a book with their adult as often as they wish. Books will need to be signed in and out. Please ensure you take good care of the book and keep it in your child's plastic wallet. Please record the date and name of the book in their yellow reading record. It is important that you read with your child every day. Some of the books we will be reading are: Walking Through The Jungle, Brown Bear Brown Bear, Dear Zoo, Giraffes Can't Dance, Mixed, Handa's Surprise.

How You Can Help

- Model being a reader to them. You are your child's hero; if they see you reading they will copy!
- Look at the cover together. Ask your child what they think the book may be about. Ask them what they think is happening in the pictures as you read the story.
- Explain any new vocabulary and unfamiliar words.
- Talk about the characters in the book.
- Ask your child what they think may happen next.
- Support your child to retell a familiar story. Talk to your child about what happens in the beginning, middle and end.
- Encourage your child to recognise familiar signs and symbols in the world around them.
- Please support your child to recognise the first letter of the name.

Mathematics

This term we will be covering:

- Number and place value of 1 and 2
- Recognising 1 and 2 in the world around us
- Looking at patterns with 2 and 3 colours or items
- Children will be copying, continuing and creating their own patterns
- We will consolidate our learning from the last two terms by doing matching, sorting and counting games

How You Can Help

- Encourage your children to spot numbers everywhere. Can they find numbers on buses, doors, number plates? Can they count out items in a shopping basket?
- You may find it useful to watch the White Rose Maths with Michael videos as guidance for parents on how Maths is taught in school. <https://whiterosemaths.com/for-parents/maths-with-michael/>
- Encourage children to recognise their age as a symbol



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Forest School sessions

Forest School this term will be on a Tuesday afternoon. Please send your child into school with a named puddle suit, wellies and a change of warm clothes (including socks and underwear). In the colder months children will also need a hat and gloves. Please ensure all items are named.

PE

The children's PE lesson will be on a Tuesday morning. Please ensure children wear a tracksuit and trainers.

Going home

Please inform a member of staff if a different adult will pick up your child and provide us with a picture and password.

Class Dojo

Please remember to check Class Dojo. We regularly post messages, photos and videos from pre-school. It is also the best way to contact us if you need to, via the message function. We love seeing what the children have been up to at home, so please tag children/send us a message with some photos.

Thank you to all the parents who have collected their children so punctually. It really does help with our routine, planning and provision.

Thank you for your support,

The Pre-school staff