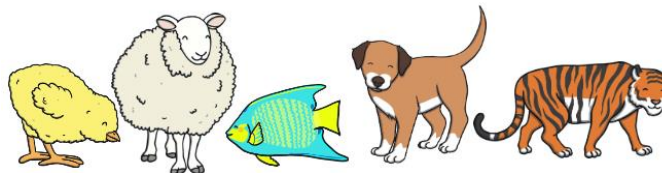




FS1 Spring Term 2



Animal Antics

Welcome back to an exciting and very important time in your child's education. We would like to take this opportunity to provide you with some key information for the forthcoming half-term.

Please could we ask that all your child's clothing and equipment (including their lunch boxes and bags) are clearly labelled with their name. This makes it easier to return stray belongings to their rightful owner!



Intent:

From our pets at home, to jungle animals; in this half term we will learn about lots of different animals! We will learn how to care for and respect all animals. We will also begin to look at the life cycles of chicks and butterflies, in preparation for having our very own ladybirds and butterflies arriving in school over the next few months. Our Maths and Literacy lessons will have animal themes, such as counting out pieces of food for farm animals, creating a 'guess my animal' game and using 2D and 3D shapes to build animals!

Implementation ~ Our Sticky Knowledge Aims:

Key information children will learn

- The names of different animals, what features they have and where they like to live
- The life cycle of a chick and of a butterfly
- What creatures live in our homes, on farms, under the sea and in the jungle
- The role of a farmer

Additionally:

- In Phonics we will be continuing to practice identifying rhyming words. We will also begin to focus on alliteration, hearing and saying the first sounds in words.
- We will be learning all about the celebration 'Easter'
- Science week falls in this half term, so we will be conducting lots of exciting experiments!
- During book week, we will be exploring a wide range of story-based activities.

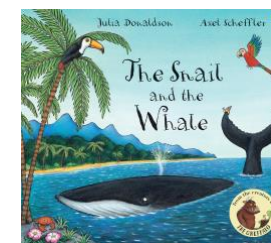
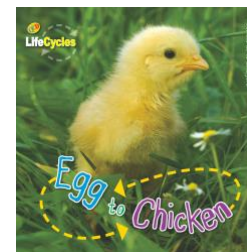
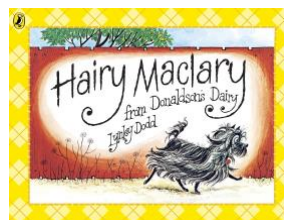
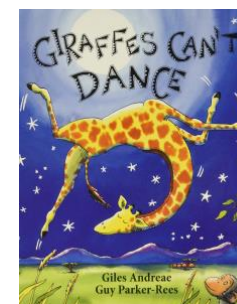
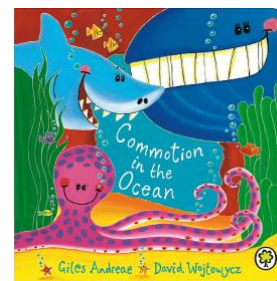
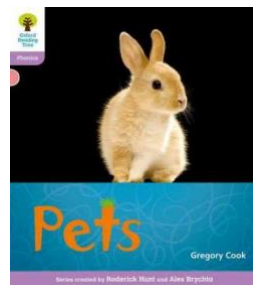
Subject Specific Vocabulary we will use:

Pet	A pet is an animal that some people keep in their home to keep you company.
Care	If you care about something, you feel that it is important and are concerned about it.
Life Cycle	Any living creature that is not a human being can be referred to as an animal.
Farmer	A farmer is a person who looks after a farm. He takes care of the crops and looks after the animals.

Support available for children:

- This half-term we will hold parents evening in school. This is a brilliant opportunity to discuss your child's development and raise any questions that you may have.
- Teachers will continue to play alongside the children and consider how play can be adapted to work towards each of their Spring 2 individual next steps.
- WellComm interventions for speech and language development.
- 'My Time in FS1 so far...' given out during parents evening.
- Focus tasks introduced for children to extend their learning on the carpet and produce an individual piece of work.

Exciting Books:



Children will Experience and Explore:

- ❖ A range of exciting animal themed stories and non-fiction books
- ❖ Using their craft skills to create our own animals
- ❖ Easter Celebrations
- ❖ Spring walks, looking for signs of Spring
- ❖ We will continue to plant more flowers for our garden and vegetables for our allotment
- ❖ Lots of opportunities for mark making in lots of different mediums, indoors and out!
- ❖ Rhyming words and alliteration practise
- ❖ World Book Week
- ❖ Science Week
- ❖ Comic Relief Day



Impact: Where did our learning journey take us?

Last half-term we became brilliant story tellers. Each fortnight we learnt all about a new fairytale and enjoyed performing it to our friends in the 'puppet show' using the puppet characters. We also celebrated Valentine's Day and made a gift to take home for someone we love. One particularly exciting time was when we planted some cress; After caring for it each day through giving it water and sunlight, it grew into mini beanstalks! In our role play area, we took on the role of a pet shop. Next term we look forward to extending our phonics knowledge further through practicing hearing the initial sound, listening to 'fred talk' and forming letters with the help of our 'Read Write Inc' mat.