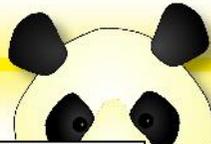
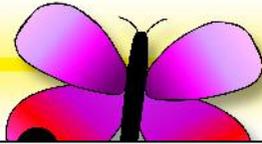
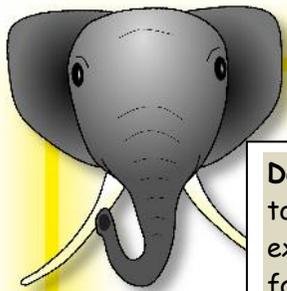


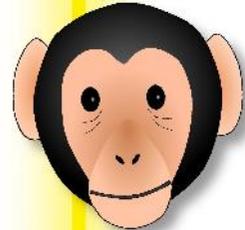
Amazing Animals-Autumn Term 2016



Dear Parents/Carers, here is our topic for this half term. We will be exploring animals that live at the farm and zoo. Whilst also learning about dinosaurs as amazing animals from the past.

As individuals and friends we will:

Emphasise the importance of trying to do things for ourselves such as hanging up our coats, changing shoes or tidying away our toys when we are finished playing. We will work together so that we can take turns playing simple games and choose the resources we might need for different activities. This will help us to begin solving some of our own problems.



As communicators we will:

Develop our listening skills by identifying and matching different animal sounds. We will sing songs and rhymes around the theme of animals and harvest such as 'We're going to the zoo', 'Old McDonald had a farm' 'Cauliflowers fluffy' and 'The framers in his den'. We will read and act out stories with repeated phrases such as 'Dear Zoo' and 'We're going on a dinosaur hunt'.

As movers and handlers we will:

Learn to travel safely under, over and through play equipment in different ways. We will experiment with colours, mixing new colours and selecting appropriate tools and techniques that we need when making paintings or junk model cages for some wild animals. During harvest week we will make a delicious vegetable soup and healthy fruit salad.



As artists, actors and musicians we will:

Create animal puppets, animal cages and dinosaur footprints. We will role play being farm shop assistants and farmers harvesting the crops. We will learn to listen to different sounds instruments make and use them to copy simple patterns.

Autumn Celebrations-

As well as our amazing animals topic we will celebrate the 100th birthday of the author Roald Dahl by holding a birthday party for him and reading one of his well-known books 'The Enormous Crocodile'. As Autumn approaches we will explore the local area by going on an Autumn walk. Finally we will celebrate harvest by looking at the different fruits and vegetables grown by farmers and act out buying them in our very own class Farm Shop.

We will make conversation and discuss our favourite animals using some new vocabulary to describe them such as mane, snout, fierce, jumpy or wild. We will be beginning to use 'and' and 'because' to link and explain our thoughts when we talk about animals that we've seen and the different places we've been.

