



Brougham
Primary School

Early Years Newsletter

Spring 2

Reception



This term our theme within the Early Years is All Creatures Great and Small **In Reception our topic is Amazing Animals**

Through this topic the children will explore animals from contrasting environments such as deserts, polar regions, the jungle and the sea. We will explore changes of matter through freezing and melting and hot and cold. With careful research and discussion, we will also hope to adopt a penguin with WWF UK. We will also learn about Charles Darwin and how he drew animals to evidence them. We will explore our own observational drawing skills. Within the topic we will also create rainforest biomes. Whilst looking at photographs of animals throughout the topic we will explore animals that are extinct and explore the importance of looking after habitats.

Ideas to support your child's learning through this topic:

Communication and Language

- Read lots of stories about animals and talk about the characters, setting and events
- Talk about your favourite animal and how it moves, what it eats, where it lives and why it is your favourite

Physical Development

- Move in different ways like different animals e.g. prowl like a lion, swing like an ape, flap like a parrot
- Create a story into a dance <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/ks1-dance-lets-move-the-snail-and-the-whale-julia-donaldson/zmp6xyc>

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Find out how you can help endangered animal species by visiting <https://www.wwf.org.uk/>
- Work as a team to create and complete obstacle courses

Literacy

- Draw and label animals from the jungle, ocean, desert or polar regions
- Visit the library to borrow books about animals, deserts, jungles, oceans, polar regions

Maths

- Draw or paint patterns of animal skin e.g. stripes for a tiger or zebra, spots for a giraffe or leopard
- Count forwards and backwards to 20

Understanding the World

- Look for signs of Spring
- Visit an Aquarium or Zoo or visit virtually

Expressive Arts and Design

- Draw your favourite animals
- Make animals using play dough

Please follow Brougham Primary School on Instagram, Facebook and X (Twitter) and keep up to date with our Class Dojo page to find out what the children have been getting up to.

Reminders and Special Events:

Book Bags - Thursday

Please remember to keep your contact details up to date with the office.

Class Dojo or contact the office to inform us of any absences.

Important Dates:

Term dates: Monday 2nd March 2026 – Thursday 2nd April 2026

Easter holiday: Monday 6th April 2026 – Friday 17th April 2026

Return to school: Monday 20th April 2026