

Dear Parents/Carers

Our topic this term is Animals - of all sorts - Pets, Wild Animals, Zoo Animals, Farm Animals and Jungle Animals. Animals that live in or around water, Creepy Crawlies and Dinosaurs will all be talked about, read about and learned about. We hope you enjoy hearing about everything your child gets up to in Willow Class!

The Nursery Team

### Dates for your Diary

May 12<sup>th</sup>- 16<sup>th</sup> Mind, Body & Soul Week (whole school)

### May 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> Half-Term

June 2<sup>nd</sup> INSET Day Nursery Closed

June 12<sup>th</sup> Bocketts Farm Day - Nursery Closed

June 16<sup>th</sup> Reception New Parents Evening 7.30pm

June 28<sup>th</sup> Summer Fair

June 30<sup>th</sup>, July 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Parent Consultations

July 22<sup>nd</sup> End of Term. Nursery closes at 2pm

# Summer Term 2014 Willow Class Curriculum Newsletter



### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)**

Discussions about the needs of animals  
Possible visit from your pets  
Trip to the Farm  
Discuss what we need to do to keep safe around animals  
Looking after pets  
Practice washing hands thoroughly after handling animals  
Feelings about animals and insects eg fear of spiders, bugs etc.

### **Communication and Language (CL)**

Animal sounds lotto  
Use of animal puppets to encourage listening and responding to songs or stories  
Use animals to help retell stories and think about how the characters feel  
Encourage children to talk about any visits they have made to Zoos, Aquariums, Farms etc

### **Physical development (PD)**

Small world play, house/farm with family and animals  
Building using construction equipment; build a home for the animals  
Sand and water play  
Actions to accompany different rhymes.  
Using scissors to cut out images linked to the topic  
Planting seeds and taking care of plants; see them grow  
Drawing patterns in sand  
Moving like animals  
Fast animals, slow animals

### **Literacy (L)**

Say/sing rhymes and songs linked to the topic eg  
We're all going to the zoo tomorrow  
Nellie the Elephant  
Old McDonald  
The Farmer's in his Den  
10 little Monkeys  
1,2,3,4,5 Once I caught a fish alive  
Alice the Camel  
Share stories about the topic  
Dear Zoo  
Rosie's Walk  
Rumble in the Jungle  
We're going on a Bear Hunt  
Commotion in the Ocean  
The Rainbow Fish  
The Camel that had no hump  
Look at non fiction books about animals  
Initial sounds; I spy  
Animal writing paper

## **Willow Class Summer Term 2014 Animals**



### **Mathematics (M)**

Organising toy animals according to size  
Recognising one more/less/numbers in order  
Counting sets of animals  
Counting and classifying animals; the number of legs on animals  
Combining 2 groups of objects;  
Demonstrate using animal toys

### **Expressive Arts and Design (EAD)**

Making animals out of various modelling materials  
Sing a variety of favourite rhymes; clapping to the beat: Old Mc Donald had a farm  
Painting images of favourite animals  
Collage animals pictures  
Cut and stick animal images  
Create own animal sounds with instruments  
Looking at animal patterns  
Observational drawings of animals and insects  
Camouflage

### **Understanding the World (UW)**

Match animals and their babies  
Recognising the homes (habitats) of different animals - Pets, Minibeasts, Farm Animals, Wild Animals, Zoo Animals, Jungle Animals, Animals that live in Water.  
Thinking about people who work with animals; Farmer, Zoo Keeper, Game Keeper, Pet Owner etc  
Think about people who take care of sick animals - Vets, Animal Rescue  
Animals coming out of Hibernation  
Nocturnal animals  
Where can we find out more about animals - library, computer  
Show care and concern for animals and the environment