

Friday 16th January 2026

Dear Parents and carers,

I hope that you are all well and had a fantastic Christmas break, welcome to the new families who have joined us this term. The children have all settled back into nursery life wonderfully and are enjoying exploring the new environment. This half term we will be learning about animals and have started our topic with the story of 'Dear Zoo'. The children have engaged in many exciting activities including;

- Dressing up as safari explorers and looking for animals around the nursery.
- Playing describe and find the animal, by listening to a description of an animal and telling us what they think it is.
- Painting an animal from the story.
- Exploring the concept of size by matching different animals to different sized containers and seeing if they fit. Using the language 'too big, too small and just right.'
- Playing 'which animal is missing' where a selection of animals is placed on a tray and then one is removed. They have to remember which animal was there and tell you what one is missing. This is great for their speech and their memory skills.

HOW TO TEACH KIDS TO PUT ON THEIR OWN COAT



This term we are setting the children a challenge to put their own coats on. We have been practicing a special technique where they lay the coat in front of them with the hood at their feet. They then crouch down and place their arms into the sleeves. Finally, they flip the coat over their head.

You can help your child to continue their learning at home by:

- Teaching them to put on their own coat and have a go at the fastening.
- Asking them to sing you the new song that we have been learning at nursery, 'We went to the animal fair'.
- Completing this week's homework with them.



Library day is on a Thursday. Your child may choose a new book once they have returned their previous book.

Many thanks

Mrs Halligan

Nursery Manager