



Amazing Animals

Reception SPRING 2 |

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Overview In this unit the children will learn about the animal kingdom from pets to wild animals and under the sea to mini beasts. They will think about how we care for our pets and which animals would make good pets. Children will explore the different habitats for animals around the world and how humans try to replicate these in zoos. Children will go on mini beast hunts and will show care for the animals they find.

Engagement Trip to Shepreth Zoo

Celebration Learning will be shared on Tapestry, Family Friday.

Curriculum Spotlight

Communication and Language
Physical Development
Personal, Social and Emotional Development
Literacy
Mathematics
Understanding the World
Expressive Arts and Design

Habits of mind

Children will develop their willingness to engage in all areas of the provision as it will be enhanced with their interests in mind. The rainbow challenges will help them develop their resilience and perseverance.

Oracy & Dialogue

Talking in small and larger groups, using stem sentences

Playful Enquiry

Full range of indoor and outdoor continuous provision, this will be further enhanced with the Rainbow Challenges.

Visitors

Pets with staff members- dog/hamster
Educational Visits / Enrichment Day
Shepreth Zoo
Classroom Display
Animals theme, vets role play, tuff spot to link to focus for the week

Subject		Learning Journey							
		Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8
Teacher led group		Imaginative writing- unsuitable pets	P4C- king or queen of the jungle	Observational drawing	Bug hunt	Phonics assessments	Big write- shark warning poster		
Maths focus		Length	Weight	Money	Money	Doubles	Heavy/light- floating and sinking		
Communication, Language and Literacy	Writing/Literacy	Tricky word hunt in a book	Noun phrases for a class display- spotty leopard, big elephant	Animal fact for a class book	What am I booklet	Thank you letter to Shepreth	Rhyming words sorting		
	Phonics	oo, oo	ar, or	ow, oi	Ur	Revision	Revision		
	Role play	Vets	Vets	Vets	Vets	Vets	Vets		
Physical Development	Fine motor	Pompoms and numicon	Letter formation	Letter formation	Mini beast drawing	Letter formation	Threading		
	Gross motor	Animal drawing	Animal movement	Move like an animal	-	-	Dig a hole to make a rock pool in the sand		
	Health and Self Care	Hand hygiene	-	Keeping safe	Keeping safe	Keeping safe	-		
Maths	Numbers	-	-	-	Favourite minibeast	Add 2 prices together	-		
	Shape, Space and Measure	-	Measuring a crocodile	Weighing challenge	-	-	My day- what do you do at different times?		
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Making relationships	Cooperation	Respecting others opinions	-	Caring for others	Trip	Making friends		
	Self confidence and Self Awareness	-	Talking in larger group	-	Asking for help	Trip	Likes and dislikes		
	Managing feelings and behaviour	Caring choices	Respecting others opinions	-	Caring for creatures	Respectful walking around the zoo	Golden agreements		
Understand	People and communities	Our pets	-	Own experiences	-	-	-		

	The World	Animal sorting	Animal pattern artwork	Animal habitat making	Bug hotel	-	Make an aquarium		
	Technology	Music app	Desktop computer	Desktop computer	Desktop computer	Desktop computer	Desktop computer		
Expressive arts and design	Art	Good pet/bad pet painting	Painting	Painting	-	Paint a bug on a stone	Wax resist fish		
	Malleable	-	-	-	Clay insect	Play dough	Play dough		
	Construction	Range of construction	Range of construction	Build a zoo	oRange of construction		-		
	Music	Music app	Musical performance	-	-	Instruments outside	Instruments outside		