

Learning Project WEEK 4- Animals



Age Range: NURSERY

Please read 'Nursery - supporting your child's learning at home' on the William Davies website for guidelines. Children at this age learn through play, so have fun!

Weekly Maths Tasks (Aim to do 1 per day)	Weekly Reading Tasks (Aim to read every day)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Watch a Numberblocks clip each day at: BBC or CBeebies. Use this guide here to give you ideas on what to do with your children whilst watching an episode. ● Play this counting game. Count how many of each animal you can see. ● Practise counting from 0 to 20. This can be done through playing hide and seek, singing number songs, chanting and board games. ● Use the 'Tens Frames' or 'Five Frames' on this game and practise recognising amounts. This can also be done by reading a dice when playing board games, playing with cards, identifying how many food items on the plate. <p>Try these jigsaws with your child: https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/storybooks-and-games/jigsaws/ Solving puzzles helps children develop their maths skills.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Read a variety of books at home. Favourites can be repeated. Hearing the patterns of language in a story will support your child's language development. ● You can find some online stories to read to your child here https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/storybooks-and-games/. This site also has some suitable games and activities. The Cbeebies website has some Bedtime Stories your child might enjoy. It is important that you watch and listen with your child so that you can talk to them about the story and explain anything they might not understand. ● You can find more stories here https://www.storylineonline.net/library/. Look for stories starting at suggested grade level K. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There are also some book-based activities in the Learning Project section below.
Weekly Tasks (Aim to do 1 per day)	Weekly Drawing and Writing Tasks (Aim to do 1 per day)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sing Nursery Rhymes and songs together. Add in actions and change the words. Can children think of different rhyming words to add in? Repeat old favourites and learn new rhymes. You can find an A-Z of Nursery Rhymes here. ● Sing the song, 'Old McDonald Had a Farm'. Instead of saying the name of the animal, make the sound. Can your child figure out which animal it is? ● Make some playdough with your child, then make animals from the playdough. You will need: 8 tbsp plain flour 2 tbsp salt 60 ml warm water food colouring (if you have any) 1 tbsp vegetable oil Mix the flour and salt together, then add the water, oil and food colouring. Your child will enjoy mixing the ingredients, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ask your child to draw a picture about the story you have read. ● Give your child time to draw independently. ● Ask your child to draw a picture about a film or cartoon they have watched. ● Ask your child to draw their favourite animal. Why is it their favourite? Can they make the animal sounds and move like an animal? ● After drawing a picture, ask children to try to write their name. The marks they make will resemble their name. ● Whenever your child finishes a picture ask them to tell you about it. You can also write what they say about the picture so that they can see you writing.

and playing with the dough.

- **Cosmic Yoga**
<https://www.cosmickids.com/> has lots of sessions for all ages and you can get a two-week free trial or find some of the sessions on YouTube for free.
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KAT5NiWHFIU>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=obzFP6eEGAg>
- Monkey yoga
- Calming exercise for kids
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cyvuaL_2avY

- There are more drawing activities in the Learning Project below.

Learning Project - to be done throughout the week

The project this week aims to provide opportunities for your child to learn more about key animals they are interested in. Learning may focus on talking about what animals look like, where they live, the different sounds they make and the food they eat. Children enjoy re-reading books and stories, so you can repeat these activities.

- **Read the story, 'Dear Zoo' or watch the online video -**
 - Visit the book's website and play the [interactive games](#)
 - Add your own animal into the story and label it e.g. So they sent me a...hedgehog, but he was too prickly....so I sent him back.
 - Read the story again, this time leaving spaces for children to join in with the repeated phrases eg "So I sent him back..."
- Look at this book with your child.
<https://www.uniteforliteracy.com/unite/animalsandpeople/book?BookId=4>
Which animal does your child like best? Why do they like that animal?
- **Play animal charades-**
 - Take it in turns to act as different animals. Add in noises as a clue.
- **Learn the song, 'The Animals Went in Two by Two'**
 - Ask your child to draw out two of each animal.

Additional learning resources parents may wish to engage with

[Classroom Secrets Learning Packs](#) - These packs are split into different year groups and include activities linked to reading, writing, maths and practical ideas you can do around the home. Choose the EYFS pack, but please note that these activities are more suitable for Reception children.

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