

Reception—Paws, claws and jaws:

What are we learning:

This half term we will explore the wonderful world of animals. We will learn about pets, farm animals, wild animals, sea creatures and minibeasts. Through stories, investigations, role play and outdoor learning, we will discover how animals live, grow and survive in different habitats.

Key Vocabulary

Animals	Habitats	Animal Features
cow	farmer	seed
sheep	tractor	plant
pig	field	grow
chicken	harvest	roots
horse	crop	stem
duck	machinery	flower
lamb	barn	fruit

What will we find out?

What different types of animals are there?
Where do animals live?
What do animals need to survive?
How are animals the same and different?
How do animals grow and change?
How can we care for animals and living things?

We will be scientists!

We will investigate:

- Animal habitats and homes.
- What animals eat.
- Animal life cycles.
- Similarities and differences between animals.
- How animals are adapted to their environments.
- Minibeasts and creatures we find in our outdoor environment.



Our Woodland Value:

Excellence:
Digby the Deer says:



"I do my best and aim high."

- We will show excellence by:
- taking pride in our learning.
- trying our best even when something feels challenging.

We will be explorers!

We will:

- ⇒ Build habitats and animal homes.
- ⇒ Sort and classify animals.
- ⇒ Create animal fact files.
- ⇒ Observe living things closely.
- ⇒ Use technology to learn about animals around the world.
- ⇒ Ask questions and find out new facts.



How you can help at home

Talk about animals you see at home or outdoors.
Share stories and information books about animals.
Look for birds, insects and other wildlife on walks.
Discuss how pets and animals are cared for.
Count, sort and compare animal toys.
Encourage your child to ask questions and find out animal facts.

Stories we will enjoy

Dear Zoo
Giraffes Can't Dance
The Gruffalo
Rumble in the Jungle
What the Ladybird Heard
Non-fiction books about animals and habitats

Mathematics

Consolidate numbers to 20
Secure number bonds to 5 and 10
Explore grouping and sharing
Solve practical number problems
Use shape, space and measure in meaningful contexts

Reading and Writing

Reading fiction and non-fiction animal texts
Writing labels, captions and simple descriptions
Creating animal fact files
Retelling and inventing animal stories
Using phonics to write animal names and sentences

