



# Amazing Animals! - January 2021 - Year R (Spring 1)

Reinforce our Buckland Values & Behaviour expectations **B.E.S.T**

**Remember** our class rules and catch each other being kind!

- Nurture: We care about our class.
- Inspire: We try new things.
- Challenge: We ask for help and advice.



Enquiry Question:

## Do Polar Bears live in Staines?

Author of the half term: Judith Kerr



**Key Texts:**

- |                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| There is a tiger in the garden | The tiger who came to tea  |
| Handa's Surprise               | Rumble in the Garden       |
| Owl babies                     | Polar bear, polar bear     |
| What do you hear?              | Oi Frog (collection)       |
| Mog (Collection)               | We're going on a Bear Hunt |

*Plus, a selection of nursery rhymes and poems.*

### Literacy:

- ♥ **Reading:** Blend and segment known sounds for reading and spelling VC, CVC, CVCC.
- ♥ **Spelling:** Spell to write VC and CVC words independently using Phase 2 graphemes
- ♥ **Composition:** Orally compose a sentence and hold it in memory before attempting to write it and use simple conjunctions.
- ♥ **Handwriting:** Shows a dominant hand. Write from left to right and top to bottom. Form recognisable letters.

### Topic based learning:

Amazing Animals- Why do different animals live in different places?

- ♥ Where do we live?
- ♥ Animals around the world
- ♥ Climates / Hibernation
- ♥ Night and day animals
- ♥ David Attenborough



#### Vocabulary:

- Habitats
- Climate
- Hibernation
- Distinct

Ongoing...

- ♥ Asking questions to find out more

**Key Vocabulary:** Grandma & Grandpa Fanta: teach us new words.



### Phonics - Phase 2 graphemes:

#### Spring 1

	Phase 3 graphemes	New tricky words
Week 1	ai ee igh oa	
Week 2	oo oo ar or	was you they
Week 3	ur ow oi ear	my by all
Week 4	air er words with double letters: dd mm tt bb rr gg pp	are sure pure
Week 5	longer words	

### Maths: Alive in 5!

- ♥ Introducing zero
- ♥ Comparing numbers to 5
- ♥ Composition of 4 & 5
- ♥ Compare mass



### Growing 6, 7, 8

- ♥ 6, 7 & 8
- ♥ Making pairs
- ♥ Combining 2 groups
- ♥ Length & height
- ♥ Time



We will also watch and use Numberblocks to introduce our Number learning

### Big Questions...

- ♥ What can I do when I find something challenging?
- ♥ What does 'being healthy' mean?
- ♥ Who helps us stay healthy?
- ♥ What is the difference between "I need" and "I want"?
- ♥ What is money?
- ♥ What are digital devices?
- ♥ How can we use our digital devices safely?
- ♥ What is trust?



Ongoing...

- ♥ Being kind / considering the feelings of others
- ♥ How can we describe our feelings & consider the feelings of others?

**P.E** will be on Tuesdays, children wear their PE kit into school

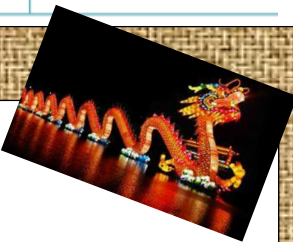
### Valued Experiences:

- ♥ Going on a bear hunt
- ♥ Making binoculars
- ♥ Creating animal habitats/ bug hotels
- ♥ Exploring foods



### Key learning events:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jan- New Year's Day
- 18<sup>th</sup> Jan Mahayana (New Year) Buddhism
- 1<sup>st</sup> Feb- Chinese New Year
- 8<sup>th</sup> Feb- Safer Internet Day
- 14<sup>th</sup> Feb- Valentine's Day
- Feb- Winter Olympics



**We will follow any other interests that arise from the children.**