



Dive Into Wonderful Stories!

These books will help us talk about feelings, being brave, making friends, and finding our voice.

Monkey Puzzle, Lion Hunt, Elmer, Farmer Duck, Rosie's Walk, and A Squash and a Squeeze.

Through these stories, we will learn how to:

- **Tell a story in our own words**, using new words we hear in the books.
- **Think about what might happen next** in the story.
- **Use new words** when we talk about the characters, the places, and the events.

We will be helping children to **look at books with an adult**, point to the pictures, and learn how to **turn the pages one at a time**.

We will also be practising **mark making**, including copying **circular shapes, vertical lines**, and **horizontal lines**.

Older nursery children should be able to write their name on work, without any help 😊

Phonics

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This half term in Phonics, we will be **making lots of fun animal sounds**. We will use **different instruments** to copy the sounds animals make and to explore **loud and quiet** noises.

Older nursery children will begin to **put sounds together** to help them **blend** and hear simple words.

We will play games like **"I Spy with My Little Eye"**, where children listen carefully to the initial sound in a word.

We will be playing action games like, **"Can you touch your l-e-g?"**

Children will then make the action or find the object.

Nursery

This half term in Maths, all of our Nursery children will be exploring numbers, shapes, and patterns through fun play and practical activities.

We will be learning to:

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- **Begin to point to objects as they count.**
- Explore small groups of objects (e.g., giving 1 or 2 items).
- Notice when there are "lots" or "a little".
- Recognise 1 or 2 items without counting.
- Use words like *big/small, more/less, full/empty*.
- Explore shapes and use words like **in, on, under**.
- Notice simple patterns and begin to copy them.

Nursery 2 (Older Nursery) will be learning to:

- Count objects carefully by touching each one.
- Count groups of up to 5-10 objects.
- Understand that the last number said tells us "how many".
- Recognise small amounts (1-3) without counting.
- Talk about "1 more" and "1 less".
- Compare groups using
- Talk about and sort sim
- Copy, continue, and ma

This half term, our **Understanding the World** learning will be inspired by the wonderful stories we are reading:

🐒 **Monkey Puzzle**-Exploring rainforest habitats, learning about animal families and how babies can look different from their adults, understanding how animals help one another

🦁 **Lion Hunt** -Discovering African habitats and the animals that live there, learning about maps and positional language as we move, talking about staying safe and being aware of our surroundings

🌈 **Elmer**-Celebrating diversity in the natural world, exploring patterns and colours found in animals, understanding individuality and what makes each creature unique

🦆 **Farmer Duck**-Learning about farm animals and their roles, exploring how humans care for animals and how animals help us, understanding teamwork, fairness, and helping others

🗺️ **Rosie's Walk**-Beginning simple map skills, using positional language, exploring everyday outdoor environments

🏠 **A Squash and a Squeeze**-Talking about homes, space, and how environments changes, about needs—of humans and animals, exploring how creatures use their habitats.

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Nursery children will take part in physical activity on Thursday afternoon.

No PE kit needed 😊

