

<u>Reception Homework – Summer Term 1</u> <u>Topic link 'Amazing Animals'</u>

Hello everybody - we hope you have had a lovely holiday and are well rested. Our new topic is <u>'Amazing Animals'</u> and you can find a <u>'Knowledge Organiser'</u> with more information on about this topic on the website and Google Classroom at the start of the half term.

Please find over the page a grid of homework tasks. Each week please choose one new task to complete and return the completed work on <u>a Monday</u> either on Google Classroom (in the form of a photo, a video or a scanned sheet) or in your child's bookbag. We will show all homework (in whichever format) in front of the class, we will then return any physical items to you.

We have chosen this method of homework so that it makes your time a little more flexible (e.g. if you have a very busy week coming up then you can just choose to do a shorter task with your child, or if you have a little more time you can choose a longer task). If you wish to, you can complete more than one task - the choice is yours, but if you complete them early, not other homework will be given.

You can choose how to present the homework - there is no right or wrong answer... the more creative the better! ^(c) For shorter tasks, it could just be a comment that says which homework task you have completed and how well your child did with it (and please let us know if they struggled so we can help them a little more with that task in school). There is also an extension task that you can try if you feel that your child is ready. The extension tasks are not compulsory as we understand that children are working at different ability levels.

If you need any ideas/advice for how to complete any of the tasks then please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the Reception team.

We look forward to seeing your wonderful creations! Miss Marsden and Miss Beestin



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Shorter length tasks	Medium and longer length tasks	
Get an adult to shout out a number. You write that number down and also the next two numbers (e.g. adult shouts 13, you write 13, 14 and 15) - using numbers up to 15. If consistently getting this correct, move on to higher numbers. FOCUS ON WRITING THE NUMBERS THE CORRECT WAY PLEASE! **To extend - Repeat but this time write the two numbers that come before that number (e.g. adult shouts 11, you write 11, 10 and 9).**	Make a model or painting of one of your favourite animals. You could use any materials you like (e.g. sequins for scales on a fish, a toilet roll for a trunk of an elephant etc.). **To extend - Make up a story about your animal that you can tell to the class.**	Draw or paint a picture of your favourite animal and write some words or sentences about it. **To extend - split your page into two halves and see if you can draw your favourite and least favourite animal, then write words / a sentence / sentences to say why.**
Get an adult to shout out a short simple sentence (e.g. The cat is fat. / The deer has legs. / It is a big horse.) You try to write it down without any help. Remember to start with a capital letter, include finger spaces and put a full stop at the end if you can. **To extend - Make sure you are including words that have the Phase 3 sounds in (e.g. ai, oi, ng, sh, ch, ee, igh, oa, oo, th).**	Make a fact sheet / mini fact file on a particular place animals live (their habitat) with pictures and words or sentences about animals that live there (e.g. in a jungle there are snakes, monkeys and leopards or in the ocean there are whales, jellyfish and seahorses etc.) **To extend - Write a sentence about something that could not live there and why.**	Ask friends and family what their favourite pet or animal is. Record their answers in any way you wish (e.g. a tally chart, pictogram or bar chart). **To extend - With help try to double your answers and write them down.**
	If you want to really challenge yourself Make up a story about an animal. What is it called? Where does it go? What happens to it? How does it get back home? You can either just remember the story to tell in class, or you can try to write down all or part of the story. **To extend - Try to include story telling language in your story (e.g. Once upon a time, The next day, Suddenly, In a flash).**	With family members or friends (or both) can you make up a dance to a song about animals that you would like to show the class or your friends in school. It doesn't need to be very long. **To extend - Think about how you could include different turns, levels (high and low), body parts and different speeds in your dance.**

