

Early Years Half Termly Curriculum Information Letter – Spring Term 1 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school and we are excited to see them continue to grow and learn this term.

Learning Theme

This half term, our learning theme is 'Animals.' We will be learning about animals and their habitats with a specific focus on animals that live in the savannah, polar regions and oceans. To find out more about what we will be learning this half term, please see the curriculum overview letter.



Belongings

Thank you for making sure your children have the correct, **named** belongings. If they don't have them in school already, please send a named **waterproof** with hood, named **welly boots** and either **waterproof trousers** or **a puddle suit**. We will continue to play outside and visit the forest area even when it is wet and cold. Please make sure everything is named – including gloves! **It is very difficult to reunite belongings with their owners when they are not named.**

Supporting Learning at Home

Thank you very much for recording your child's reading in their diary. We love seeing what you have enjoyed reading with your child and what they have read to you. You may wish to include other books you are reading in their diary – library books, books from home etc. Please continue to read and record (at least!) five reads in your reading diary each week. Book bags continue to be needed in school **every day** as your child will be able to change their reading for pleasure book. Your child will become even more confident with their reading this term and it is so important to encourage and value their efforts at home. If you would like more support with reading at home, please speak to your child's teacher or visit:

[For parents | Letters and Sounds \(littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk\)](http://littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk)

Dates for your diary:

W/C 19th January 'Take One Picture' week

Wednesday 21st January – Lion Learners experience in school (rescheduled from 08.01.26)

Tuesday 27th January – Open Classrooms

Friday 30th January - Half-termly tea

Thursday 5th February – EYFS trip to Johnson's Zoo

W/C 9th February – Mental Health Week/ Safer Internet Day assembly

Wednesday 11th February Online Safety parent/carer workshop

We hope that you and your child have had a very smooth and happy start to 2026. We are always keen to talk with you about your child and their learning so do ask to speak to us at drop-off/pick-up if you have any questions or anything you'd like to share with us.

Best wishes,

Ms Battey, Miss Ozakpinar, Miss Ellis and Mrs Kabir