

Why are there so many different animals?

Wallisdean Infant School

2025/26 Year R – Summer 1 + 2 Topic Newsletter

In **Literacy** we are going to be writing non-fiction fact files about a variety of animals and learning and retelling animal related poems.

In **Maths** we will continue to improve our knowledge of number by practising one more and one less, counting for a purpose and begin recognising larger numbers. We will be beginning to apply our maths knowledge to solve problems.

In **Family Groups** we will continue to share our news on Monday mornings. Please continue to send photos and updates to:

H.Work@wallisdean-inf.hants.sch.uk

This term we will be focusing on **Understanding the World** and **Media and Materials**.

Through this topic we will be developing the children's ability for creative thinking, problem solving and decision making.

In **The World**, we will be continuing to go on Welly Walks. We will set up investigations to learn more about the world around us, and the animals in our woodland.

We will also be creating animal habitats using natural resources.

In **Expressive Arts and Design** we will be getting ready for our end of year Carnival by creating our own masks, t-shirts and sea creature armbands. We will also be learning some songs and a dance to perform to you in July.

Ideas for home:

Encourage your child to write for a purpose, for example: writing a shopping list, instructions, making a menu, making mini books.

Developing fine motor skills is key this time of year. Using scissors at home is a simple way to strengthen children's hands.

Practise writing simple sentences using your phonic sounds eg I can see a red crab.

Read, read, read! All your favourite books. Perhaps join the library if you have not yet done so – and remember to join their Summer Reading Challenge in July.



Dates to remember:

Library: Giraffe class Wednesday, Lion class Thursday

Last day of this half term: Friday 22nd May

First day of Summer 2 term: Monday 1st June

Farm Visit: Thursday 23rd April

Stubbington Trip : Friday 8th May

Rainbow dress up fundraiser: Friday 22nd May (£)

Golden Ticket Lunch Menu: Thursday 21st May

Whole class photos: Monday 1st June

Sports Day: Friday 5th June (PA—Parent Activity)

Sunshine Day fundraiser: Monday 15th June (£)

INSET — School CLOSED : Friday 19th June

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WFA End of Year Disco: 3.15pm-4:45pm: Monday 13th July (YrR & Yr1)

Meet your child's new Yr1 teacher: 3.20pm Tuesday 14th July

Reports come home: Thursday 16th July/Parent Drop-In Monday 20th July

Carnival: Friday 17th July 2.00pm (PA—Parent Activity)

Last day of term: Tuesday 21st July

Useful websites: Purple Mash: <https://www.purplemash.com/login/>

CBeebies: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies> (alphablocks, numberblocks)



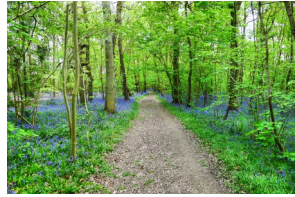
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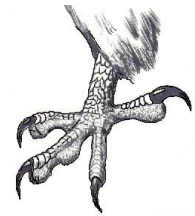
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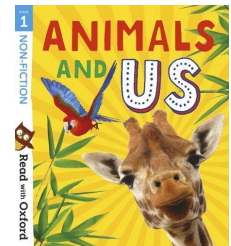
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