

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 4! We hope that you find this overview useful to help you support your child in accessing their learning this term. Our topic this term is **Animals**; we will be exploring a variety of texts, including 'The Singing Mermaid', 'Rumble in the Jungle', 'And Tango Makes Three', 'Owl Babies', 'Giraffes can't dance' and a non-fiction text about Africa.

We are looking forward to welcoming Debbie, a specialist music teacher, who will be working with us every Monday afternoon for the remainder of the year,

We will also be continuing our Parent Reading mornings every Friday. You are welcome to come in to school with your child from 8:30-8:45am every Friday to read with them in their classroom. We look forward to seeing you then,



Here are some activities you can do at home:

- Make your own animal masks to practise your cutting skills
- Find out what your favourite animals like to eat
- Think about the similarities and differences between two places. What is the same? What is different?
- Design your own animal enclosure for your favourite animal
- Practise counting forwards and backwards from 0-20
- Find 2D and 3D shapes in your home environment or local area. Can you name them and their properties?
- See how many number bonds you can find to make 10 or 20.
- Weigh some ingredients to make a recipe at home, perhaps bake a cake or measure liquid to make a jelly
- Take a trip to Temple Hill or Dartford Libraries. It is free to register!
- Practise writing your name, including your surname using lots of different media - maybe using paint or in shaving foam!
- Practise subitising with numbers to 5 and 10. What patterns can you spot?
- Login to your Numbots account and gain a few more stars and earn coins!
- Visit a farm, animal park or zoo. Draw or write some of the animals you have seen.

Here are some useful links for educational games and reading books:

www.phonicsplay.co.uk - we have been playing Buried Treasure, Picnic on Pluto and Dragon's Den. Choose Phase 2 or 3 (revisit all sounds) when selecting your game.

www.ictgames.co.uk - exploring Maths counting and ordering games.

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/> - choose a range of books to read online for free.

[Clips from the Ten Town animated stories - YouTube](#) - A copy of the rhymes for Ten Town are available on ClassDojo.



We look forward to seeing the results of your child's home learning. Please encourage them to post pictures of their finished 'projects' on their Class Dojo portfolio, so that they can be explored and discussed in class.