

**Communication, language and literacy:**

Letters and Sounds activities: Revising initial sounds and learning to read and write three-letter words, learning more Phase 3 digraphs  
Guided reading activities  
Building a sight vocabulary of commonly used words  
Mark-making, handwriting and pencil play activities  
Speaking and listening activities.  
Listening and responding to Traditional Tales as well as stories and poetry about animals. Writing activities linked to stories and rhymes.

**Physical development:**

Continue to develop fine-motor control, mark-making, finger-gym and handwriting activities.  
Playing outdoors on bikes and scooters  
Taking part in dance sessions on our 'animal theme'  
Using tools and manipulating materials in art and craft activities

**Personal, social and emotional**

**development:** Working and playing together  
Exploring theme: 'Good to be me', helping the children to manage their feelings and to appreciate their uniqueness  
**Religious Education:** Listening to stories about Jesus, focusing on the Easter story. Celebrating Mothers' Day and Easter, exploring the question. 'Why is Easter special to Christians?'

**Paws, Claws and Whiskers**



**Mathematics:**

Continue activities to support reading, writing and ordering numbers to 10  
Addition and subtraction activities  
Sorting and naming 2 dimensional shapes  
Making pictures and patterns with shapes,  
Sorting and building with 3 dimensional shapes,  
Measurement activities: Weight and capacity

**Understanding the world:**

Learning about Chinese New Year celebrations,  
Looking for signs of spring and new life outdoors, learning names of baby animals and what they need to survive, (link with human young and what they need)  
Learning names of native animals, farm animals, animals that have paws, claws and whiskers,  
Handling and learning about small animals during a visit from 'Bunnies, Bugs and Beasties'

**Expressive arts and design**

Making models from reclaimed materials  
Exploring percussion instruments and learning to play simple rhythms  
Dance activities linked to our 'animal theme', Chinese New Year and spring  
Painting, drawing and collage activities linked to animals and springtime  
Chinese New Year creative activities, e.g. making Dragon masks  
Making Mothers' Day cards and Easter cards



