

Dear Parents/carers,

12<sup>th</sup> June 2017

**Year: Nursery Term: Summer Term 2 Themes: Animals**  
Core Books: Dear Zoo, Brown Bear Brown Bear, The Selfish Crocodile, Elmer, A fish who could wish.

**Personal, social and emotional development**

What will we be doing?

- Preparing children who are moving to new reception classes in September by visiting their new classes and school environment.
- Playing sharing and turn taking games with children who will be in our new classes, or children who will be staying for another year in the nursery.



**Mathematics**

What will we be doing?

- Sorting animals into sets and then choosing the correct numeral to label our sets.
- Counting sets of objects to make totals of objects, sharing, adding and taking away.
- Buying and paying for the pet by counting out money. Counting forwards and backwards to 10.
- Recognising numbers 1-10 and practising to form numbers correctly.

**Physical Development**

What will we be doing?

- Moving in a variety of ways like different animals- crawling, slithering, jumping, stomping and leaping!
- Holding mark making tools effectively to draw their favourite animals and to write names and form letters with good control.

**Literacy**

What will we be doing?

- Reading and writing our names and labels in the environment.
- Using letter sounds to read and write labels for animal pictures.
- Writing letters to the zoo and writing sentences about animals.

**Understanding the World**

What will we be doing?

- Observing and recording animal features, colours and patterns.
- Creating and playing with animals in different habitats; jungle, desert, safari, and arctic.
- Finding out information about food of different animals from the books and computer.
- Show care and concern for living things and the environment.



**Communication and Language**

What will we be doing?

- Listening to stories with attention and recall and joining in with repetitive phrases in Dear Zoo and Brown Bear Brown Bear.
- Asking and answering questions about animals while playing a "Who am I" game. I spy game while describing an animal for others to guess the animal.
- Sharing our own experiences of animals by talking about our pets and our visit to see animals in the zoo.



**Expressive arts and design**

What will we be doing?

- Using recycled milk bottles to make Elmer the elephant.
- Making masks and puppets of our favourite animals.
- Using materials to build dens and enclosures for animals.
- Pretending to look after a pet or animal in the home corner and outdoor Pet shop.

# Places to Visit

## Beckton City Farm

There is a lot to see at the farm. Alongside the animals there is an orchard, children's play area, a play barn and picnic benches. They sell produce too - you can often buy freshly laid eggs, honey from their bees and even manure! Newham City Farm is open all year round, every day except Mondays. It is free to visit although they do encourage a minimum donation of £1 per child and £2 per adult. The farm is open on bank holidays and runs special events throughout the year so make sure you check the active Newham events calendar at [www.activenewham.org.uk](http://www.activenewham.org.uk)

## Manor Park Aquatic Centre and Pet Store

Visit the shop across the road from the Nursery to provide your children with a first-hand experience of seeing a real pet shop. The aquariums are particularly impressive and will fascinate the children.

# How can you help your child?

For those children preparing to start Reception classes in September:

- Get your child used to getting up early each day, reducing any daytime naps and ensuring your child goes to bed at a reasonable time in the evening. The new Reception classes can be very tiring for children in their first term.
- Ensure your child can undress and dress themselves ready for their PE lessons. This will include putting their own shoes on too. **Making sure your child is independent in all self care skills including toileting, dressing and feeding will help them to settle into their new school setting.**
- **Continue to help your child to write their own name, form letters correctly and help in counting and recognising numbers using numbers in the environment.**
- **If you have access to the internet please help your child to listen to the stories of this term- Dear Zoo, The Selfish Crocodile, Elmer, Brown Bear Brown What Do You See? The fish who could wish.**

## • Last Notes

**We are always grateful for donations of:**

Magazines or newspapers in your home language, fabric and material, ribbons, wool, recyclable materials for junk modelling and old cards from any celebrations!

## **Absence**

I would like to remind parents that if your child is not able to attend Nursery due to illness or medical appointments, you need to phone the school on 0208 478 6059 to let us know the reason for absence. On your child's return to Nursery, staff may ask you for proof, such as prescriptions or appointment cards

# Dates for your diary:

- **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June** – School Fete 4pm – 7pm.
- **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July** – Parents Evening for children leaving nursery.
- **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July** – Visit to Colchester Zoo.  
Nursery will be closed for those children not attending the educational visit.
- **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July** – Last Day of term.
- **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July** – **School closed for the Summer Holidays.**

Please do not hesitate to speak to any of the staff in our nursery about your child's development and well-being.

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