

6th January

This half term Reception will become international explorers! They will be discovering the different environments and habitats that animals live in. This week we will be focusing on the Arctic and the animals which live there. The children will learn all about this by reading a book called **'Poles Apart.'** They will become scientists exploring how to melt ice! Fingers crossed for cold weather and snow!

13th January

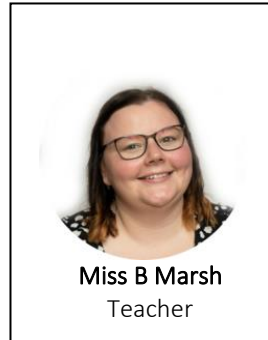
Welcome to the Jungle! This week we will learning all about jungle animals. We will be focusing on animal patterns, and the ways we can identify different animals. In science we will 'collect' different sounds from various animals to make a sound bank to identify animals from their calls. We will find out where different jungles are located on a map of the world and what the environment is like. We will read the story **'Giraffe's Can't Dance'**. Throughout this week the children will practise drawing and painting animals, looking carefully at their features, colours, and patterns.

Maths

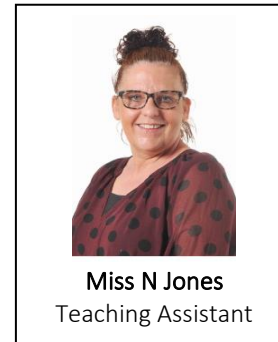
In Maths, the children will continue to practice their counting and will be working on becoming more secure with numbers to 20. They will explore the composition of 10, learning about the numbers which they can add together to make 10. We will be acting out addition stories to 10 and then we will be introducing the children to subtraction.

20th January/27th January

This week we will be finding out all about African animals. We will read the story **'Handa's Surprise'**. As well as finding out about the different animals and where they live, we will also be tasting the different fruit that each animal steals from Handa's basket.



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Phonics

This term the children will continue their RWI journey. Some children will move on to 'Ditties' where they will begin reading sentences and short stories. These children will bring their ditties home to share their reading with their adults. Some children will continue working on becoming secure with Set 1 sounds and working on oral blending. Please read with your child every day.

3rd February

This week will be all about farm animals. We will read the story **'Farmer Duck'** and draw a picture to show what happens, we will also be working on our writing skills to describe what is happening in our picture. We will be naming different animals and finding out what different foods come from them. We will explore the jobs that farmers do and the food that they grow. We might even become farmers ourselves!

10th February

Minibeast Mayhem! This week we will explore the outside area as well as our forest, looking for minibeasts! We will read the book **'Mad About Minibeasts'** and will try and find one of each of the insects from each rhyme whilst we explore our outdoor surroundings. We will be carefully collecting some minibeasts so we can look closely at them through a magnifying glass and identify some of their features! We will be true explorers!

Information

Children will now have two hours of PE a week, therefore they will no longer have weekly forest school. But do not worry! We will still be finding lots of time to explore our outdoor areas. The two PE sessions will take place on **Wednesday** and **Friday** and children will need to come to school in their PE kits on these days. **Please remember to remove all jewellery before entering school on PE day.**