



Central Street Infants and Nursery School
River Class Newsletter
January 2024

Spring Term 1 Question for learning:

‘Why are animals amazing?’

Dear Families,

I hope you all had a good Christmas. It has been lovely to welcome the children back week, and they are settling back well into the routines.

This half term we will be looking at the topic of Amazing Animals. We will be learning about how different animals live, where they live and what they do in their natural habitats. We will be focusing on animals that live in cold places to begin with and then explore some of the animals that live in hot places. We will learn to use language to describe the amazing world of these animals and through role play opportunities, puppets, small world play, physical discovery and songs we will understand more about the variety of animals that live in our world. The children will be encouraged to make comparisons between the stories, animals and habitats they learn about. They will also use art, dance and movement to explore the physical nature of the animals.

We will be reading stories that reflect the diversity of animals on earth, such as the story ‘Polar Bear’ Jackie Morris and we will also look at myths from the African continent, such as ‘How Did Zebra Get His Stripes?’ As we learn about different about different animals we will also learn about different continents, habitats and climates.

Some of the learning questions we will answer during our topic will include:

- Which animals live in which parts of the world?
- Why and how do they live in such unique places?
- Where are our stories set?
- What makes each animal amazing?
- How do animals behave and live?

The books that we will use to support our learning this half term, include:

- Polar Bear
- How Zebra Got His Stripes
- Lots: The Diversity of Life on Earth
- Dear Zoo
- The Tiger Who Came to Tea

For further information about all aspects of our learning this term, please see the Class Newsletter and Curriculum Overview.

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