

## Early Years Foundation Stage Newsletter 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022

We are really looking forward to the Jaws N Claws visit next Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May. If you have not already made a voluntary contribution, you can still do so via ParentMail. Thank you for your support.

### Nursery

We hope you had a wonderful and restful Easter break. The children have returned to Nursery reenergised and raring to go! This term our topic is Amazing Animals. We started our topic by producing a mind-map of all the animals we know and all the facts we know about them. We then talked about people who help animals when they are unwell and how they help them. The children enjoyed the fun, rhyming tale of *Hairy Maclary's Rumpus at the Vet* by Lynley Dodd and have loved acting out the role of a vet and treating various soft-toy animals in our very own Veterinary Surgery, exploring the equipment vets use and discussing what they might be used for. Mrs Reynolds paid us a visit to discuss her previous role as a veterinary nurse – the children listened beautifully. We are continuing our *Letterland* journey and have been introduced to two new characters - *Jumping Jim* who makes a 'j' sound and *Kicking King* who makes a 'k' sound. I am so impressed with how well the children have retained all the sounds taught to date. Well done Donaldson Class! In maths, we have explored sorting animals and learning all about the number 5. In literacy, we have been practising writing our names – the children are making great progress with their fine motor development and pencil grip. The children had lots of fun at Forest School this week. They all had a go at using a bow saw under the guidance of Mrs Maclean our fantastic Forest School teacher and enjoyed playing with the log swings, swinging on the hammock, concocting dishes in the mud kitchen and climbing trees. This week, three new children joined our class – the existing children have been so warm and welcoming, a credit to us all. Well done to Savannah for achieving Star of the Week 😊

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### Reception

This week in Reception we have had a very busy and art filled week, our new topic this term is Amazing Animals. We have been reading the story *Walking through the Jungle* and looking at the different animals that appear in the story. We have been doing some drama as well as lovely writing about the story. In maths, we have explored repeating pattern and also focussed on numbers up to 20 and then beyond! We played some maths games to help consolidate this knowledge. In phonics, we have been focusing on the different variations of the sound 'a', the variations include 'ai', 'ay' and 'a\_e'. The children have worked really hard this week on their phonics and it's fantastic to see the improvement they are making! Overall we have had a very successful week and have created some beautiful pieces of artwork as well as producing some fantastic work, well done Jeffers you have had a fantastic start to the new term.

