

Riverside Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter for Families

Summer 2 2026

EYFS

This half term our theme is: **'Awesome Animals'**



Welcome EYFS to the second half of the Summer Term and to our half-termly curriculum newsletter. We would like to take this opportunity to tell you about the exciting half-term ahead. This newsletter is where you can find out all about what your child will be learning over the coming weeks, along with some ideas and suggestions for some activities you could try to support their learning at home.

What are we learning during this theme?

This half term we will be exploring a wide variety of animals and their habitats. Through this theme your child will develop their understanding of different animals and how they are suited to their environments. The children will be starting weekly swimming lessons on a Wednesday.

Trips, Visitors and Experiences

We will be going to Thorndon Park to visit The Gruffalo Trail!

How can you support your child at home?

- Please use Seesaw to discuss your child's week at school.
- Share the school reading book 5 times a week with your child.

- Develop that love of reading by sharing books with your child so they can hear and interact with story language and characters.

Days out and things to do:

Kendal Park Nature Reserve
Hullbridge
Minibeast exploring



Sealife Centre Southend



Call of the Wild Zoo

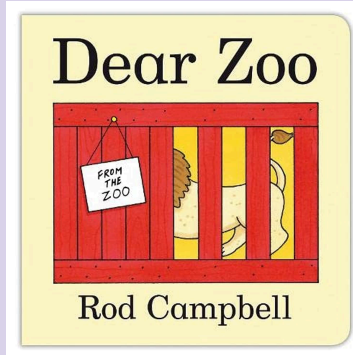


White Elm Farm



Books to read:

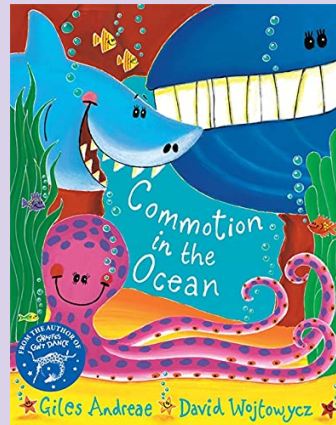
Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell



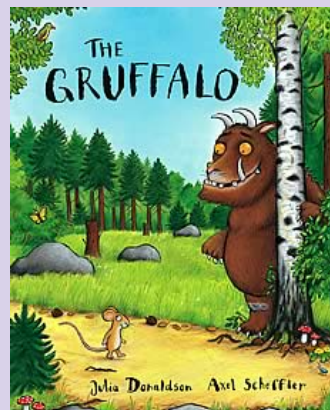
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Commotion in the Ocean



The Gruffalo



Things to watch:

Teeny Tiny Creatures (cbeebies iplayer)
[Teeny Tiny Creatures - BBC iPlayer](#)



Andy's Global adventures
[BBC iPlayer - Andy's Global Adventures - Series 1: 1. Andy and the Emperor Penguins](#)



Andy's safari adventures
[BBC iPlayer - Andy's Safari Adventures - Series 1: 1. Andy and the Chipmunk](#)

