

Riverside Primary School

# Curriculum Newsletter for Families:

## June 2026

### Year 1

This half term our theme is:

## Amazing Animals



Welcome to the second half of the Summer Term and to our half-termly curriculum update newsletter! This newsletter is where you can find out all about what your child will be learning over the coming weeks, along with 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 in Science we will be learning about animals, including herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. In our DT sessions we will be designing and making animal glove puppets. The children will be applying their knowledge of animals in their English and ICT lessons through descriptive and story writing.

### Trips, Visitors and Experiences

This half term we will be having swimming lessons every Monday for Bear and Otter Class and every Tuesday for Lion Class. The children are very excited about this! We are also holding our annual sports day event, which we hope you may be able to attend. The children will also have their 'Jump up day' to look forward to, where they meet their new teachers and participate in transition activities. On 9th July year one will be visiting Hyde Hall, where we will be taking part in workshops linked to our theme.

### How can you support your child at home?

Please complete your CGP homework books.

Year one will also continue to bring home a few **spellings** to learn each week.

Please check school bags every Monday for the new spelling sheets and homework books. Share your child's reading book at home - we encourage 5 reads per week to earn team points in school.

In addition to this, please find some suggestions below on how to support your child's learning.

Days out and things to do:

Revise previously learned phonics using phonics play:

[Phonics Play](#)



Visit a local farm or zoo

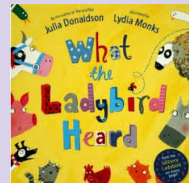
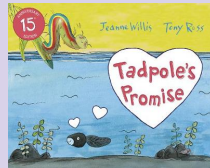
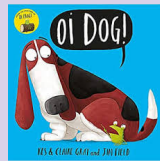


Be creative with animal handprint art:



Books to read:

Share a book linked to our theme 'Amazing Animals':



Things to watch:

[BBC iPlayer - Maddie, the Zoo and You - Songs: The Zoo and You Animal Quiz](#)



[Andys Wild Adventures - BBC iPlayer](#)



Enjoy a brain break:  
[Animal dance and freeze](#)

