



Play Along  
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Spring Term 1  
Jan 8th 2018- Feb 16th 2018



Over the next 6 weeks our theme will be Animals

Who lives in the snow?

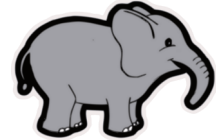
Dinosaurs?

Who lives in the jungle?

Who lives in the water?

Who has any pets?

Who lives on a farm?



Happy New Year from the Play Along Team, we hope you had a great Christmas, we would like to say a huge thank you for the lovely gifts you brought us, so kind.

We also would like to welcome the new families joining Play Along this January. There may be a few tears when leaving Mum, Dad, Nana or Grandad, but I can assure you as soon as you have gone the crying stops and the children get involved in play.

Thank you to our new parents for completing the information sheets from your Play Along folders, they have given us an insight into what your child likes to do and given us a starting point, helping us to work together to support your child. We will be helping our new children to get to know us all, showing them how to access resources independently and getting them familiar with our routines.

**Week 1** - We will be looking at books and sharing stories about 'snow animals', making some ice, developing our knowledge and understanding, what happens to ice when its left out in our room? How do animals keep warm in the snow? We will be making ice, looking at what happens if it is put outside and inside but not in the freezer.

Animals that hibernate and sharing stories about animals that live in the snow

**Week 2** -Developing our maths skills reinforcing size language, 'long' necks, 'short' necks, 'tall', 'big', 'little' we will be counting and sorting dinosaurs.

**Week 3** -Sharing stories about animals from the jungle, The tiger who came to tea, reinforcing our social skills, how should we behave? Manners and sharing. Elmer the Elephant reinforcing shapes, colours and sharing lovely Elmer stories.

**Week 4** -Who lives in water, has anyone got a pet goldfish? Who lives in the sea? Sharing 'Fidgety Fish' 'The Fish who could wish' if you have any nice 'Fish' stories at home please send them in to share with the children.

**Week 5** -Can we ask if you could send in any photos of your child's pet to show and tell, developing further our confidence and communication skills as we talk about our pets to the other children at circle time.

**Week 6** -The last week before half term we will be looking at animals that live on the farm, sharing 'What the Lady-bird heard' amongst other stories about farm animals.

**Play Along lending library.**

We have in the conservatory at the front a box containing books and games, we do rotate it regularly, please feel free to borrow any of them we have so many lovely stories we are happy to share them with you. Just write your name in the book provided when you take them/bring them back. Don't worry if anything gets lost or damaged just jot it in the book so that we can replace it, we do understand that accidents happen.

Thank you

**Ways you can help your child at home-**

- Share books and stories which will help to develop your child's listening skills
- Ask questions about the pictures in the books to develop their observation and language skills
- Encourage your child to share and take turns by playing table top games helping to develop their listening and attention skills.
- Counting using 1-1 correspondence

A LAST REQUEST, **PLEASE** COULD YOU PUT YOUR CHILD'S NAME IN THEIR CLOTHING, ANY TOYS, BOOKS ETC, THAT THEY BRING INTO PLAY ALONG. COULD YOU ALSO PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD'S NAME IS ON THE

**OUTSIDE OF THEIR LUNCH BOX AND BAG, CLEARLY VISIBLE**

**Thank you The Play Along Team.**

