

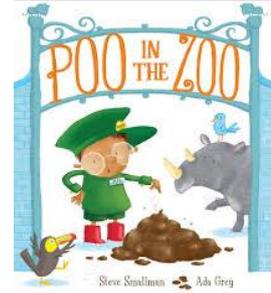
Dear Zoo



Rod Campbell



If We Could Talk to the Animals...



Welcome Back! We are very much looking forward to the second half of the Spring Term and have everything crossed that it will soon see the return of all of our Little Ashes, and we are excited to get to know some new friends too. This half term we will be learning about all creatures Great and Small with our lovely new topic

'If We Could Talk to the Animals...'

As always, each week we will be basing our play and learning around a favourite book and having lots of fun outside in our very own woods in both the morning and the afternoon sessions. Over the next few weeks, the children will be learning about how to classify and care for animals, they will be comparing different habitats and beginning to talk about conservation and the importance of protecting our environment for us all. We will also be exploring the signs of Spring and the changing season and observing the differences that Spring makes in our Base Camp and Allotment. We thought it would be a nice idea to link World Book Day (Thursday 4th March) to our topic and so we will be asking the children to bring in their favourite book featuring an animal or a book about their favourite animal. We thought they could also dress up as their favourite animal character or wear something 'Animal' (bring on the leopard print!)

We have lots of exciting ideas to extend the children's learning but if you have any exotic and interesting pets at home that might be brave enough for a trip to Pre-School please do let us know and depending on upcoming COVID guidance from the government, we may be able to organise a visit!

As always, our topic and planning will support the EYFS but it will also be led by the children and we are always excited to see which direction they take their learning in.

We will be outside everyday, morning and afternoon so please always make sure that children come to Little Ashes in appropriate clothing and with named waterproof coats and wellington boots and hats and gloves on colder days..

If you have any questions about this terms topic and the children's learning or you have any resources or 'skills' that would support the topic please do let us know and we'll look forward to sharing all the fun with you on EY Log. We also often post updates and important messages on our private, closed 'Little Ashes Parent/ Carer Network' Facebook Page so please do request to join that if you have not done so already.

See you next week x

DATES TO REMEMBER: End of Term – Wed 31st March

Start of Summer Term – Mon 19th April

World Book Day : Thursday 4th March

