Communication and Language

- Weekly 'Chatterbox Time'
 - Drawing Club

We will begin our unit by talking about our pets, what animals we like, ask questions and expand our vocabulary when describing animals, their behaviour and habitats.

Physical Development

This term, our PE unit is 'Games. We will be exploring the different ways in which we can participate in group games, building on our control skills, balance and aim.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term, in PSHE lessons, we will be discussing our relationships, thinking about those individuals we have special relationships with, celebrating our friendships and showing teamwork.

We will also practice our mindfulness and how we can calm ourselves when we might feel upset, angry or frustrated.

Literacy

In Phonics, Reception will continue with Phase 3 sounds, focusing on different digraphs and trigraphs and applying them when writing words independently and blending when reading aloud, with a particular focus on longer words.

In Literacy, we will explore a new book each week as we explore different types of animals such as 'Monkey Puzzle' and 'Dear Zoo'.

We will create recounts, use describing words, ask questions and write creatively during our adult-led sessions.

Spring 2 - 'Animal Kingdom' Cherry Class



Maths

In Maths, we will continue to build on our number skills, particularly focusing on the composition of different numbers, building our understanding of 'more than/less than' and comparing different amounts.

We will also explore different 3D shapes and different ways in which we can measure, such as length, height and time, taking this into our play outside too.

We will also talk about the months of the year and days of the week and think about important events that happen through the year, as well as in our daily routines.

Understanding the World

This half term, we will learn about the natural world and look at animals that are native to our country, as well as those that live in different places and countries. We will talk about how we can care for animals and reflect on events encountered in the books we read. We will also look at the changing seasons — and monitor the winter weather and the changes that Spring will bring soon.

We will go on a class trip to a wildlife park to learn more about animals and their habitats.

Expressive Art and Design

This half term, we will have lots of fun experimenting with different arts and crafts and getting creative whilst making! We will practice our sketching, painting, cutting and sticking and collage skills.

We will use different instruments to create different animal sounds.

Religious Education

This half term, our question is 'What is Easter?'

- we will begin by looking at signs of new life,
before also looking at the key parts of the
Easter story and what this means for
Christians. We will also lead our Easter service
at Church where we can share all that we have
learnt!