



# Fleet Primary School

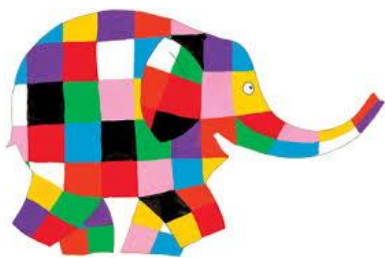
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## INTO THE WILD

Nursery Topic Letter  
Summer 2026

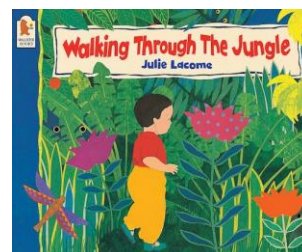


Dear Parents and Carers,

We all hope you all had a lovely Easter break. It's great to be back with all the children and adults in Nursery - we are so excited to enjoy the summer term with everyone.

We would also like to welcome our new child into the Nursery and say a big hello to their family!

This term our topic is called Into the Wild. We will be reading lots of fantastic books about animals this term - some classics that you may be familiar with, such as *The Gruffalo*, *Elmer* and *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. Through each focus story, we will be finding out about different animals and exploring their features, where they live, what they eat, etc. Our topic has started with a focus on the story *Walking Through the Jungle*. This book has lots of different animals for us to explore as we start to think about our favourite wild animals.



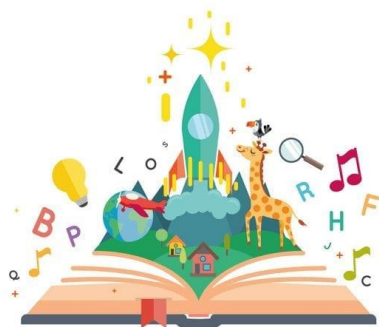
Each week we will use a different book as a focus for the learning, which will stimulate opportunities for mark making, art, maths, speaking and listening amongst others. **Please do check the noticeboard each week to find out about the learning for the week and any important notices.**

We are very excited by this topic and know that, as well as being lots of fun, it will support the children's learning in lots of ways across the curriculum.

### Reading

This term in nursery, we will be promoting reading behaviours such as looking for the text on the page, using a pointing finger on the words, turning pages independently and more. We share lots of books through the day and the

children really enjoy listening to stories, which is such a wonderful way to help develop so many communication and language skills and promote an enjoyment of books and reading.



Please remember our book changing days are Tuesday and Thursday, but don't worry if your child would like to keep the same books for longer as listening to familiar stories is so important.

At home you can help your child by:

- Taking time to talk with your child
- Reading together every day
- Visiting a library to choose books to share
- Reading yourself where your child can see you
- Letting your child handle the book and turn the pages
- Giving books as rewards
- Listening to books online
- Playing board games together
- Re-reading favourite books again and again
- Reading recipes together and baking

## Writing

This term we will be encouraging the children to get involved with lots of mark making and writing opportunities. This topic will have many exciting ways to get writing and drawing - from making menus and recipes in our role play areas, creating diaries to track the growth of our class caterpillars later in the term and writing about our focus stories.

The children really enjoyed lots of story making last term with our topic and 'Make it up Mondays' where the children 'write' and draw their own stories, and Helicopter Story sessions where we act out the stories they create - we will continue these through this term - we love hearing and seeing the stories they create!

We will also be continuing to support the children to have a go at writing their name and any other special words to them.

The most important thing is that writing is fun! We will provide lots of opportunities to write throughout the day, through both play and when working with an adult, so the children are excited and motivated to take part and see themselves as the super writers they all are!

Ideas for home...

- **Get Messy!** Cover a kitchen worktop/table with flour and use fingers to make marks/write in it.
- Put bubble bath mixture in the bottom of the bath. Draw or write in the mixture before filling it up with water.
- **Squirt Sounds** - Fill a water bottle up then go outside and squirt letters on the concrete. This is fun for drawing too. Can they write their name before it dries up?
- **Chalk Fun** - Fill up the pavement with lots of letters and drawings. They could also practice writing numbers.
- **Draw/write with a glue stick.** Sprinkle anything from your kitchen cupboard over the glue, or maybe even glitter.
- **Salt Dough** - Make the letters from their name using salt dough. Cook, paint and decorate.  
Ingredients - 1 cup salt, 2 cups flour, 1 cup warm water. Mix it all together. Bake in the oven on a low heat until it hardens.



We will continue to learn a focus sound each week as part of our phonics and will be playing lots of games where we listen for the different sounds in words. Please visit the Little Wandle link sent out on ParentHub for more support with this or do ask us if you would like to know more about how to support your child with phonics. Our poems and rhymes will also continue - the children are so good at remembering lots of these now!

### **Camden Kids Talk**

Thank you to everyone who was able to come along to the Friday stay and play sessions. We hope you found them fun and supportive. We will continue to support the children with their communication and language development through targets discussed at the recent parent meetings - do ask if you need another copy of the targets.

### **Mathematics**

Mathematics activities will link to our topic wherever possible. The children

will continue to count objects to 10, and beyond, using interesting concrete materials as motivators. They will continue to represent numbers using their fingers, marks on paper and begin to write numerals. Positional language will also be a focus this term such as under, next to, behind and in front.

We will continue to learn about shapes and make comparisons between objects relating to size, length, weight and capacity, as well as looking for and creating repeating patterns.

### **Supervised Toothbrushing**

The children are just amazing at brushing their teeth and love the session each day! We are so proud of how well they have taken to this routine and how quick they are to remind us when it is time to brush our teeth - they make sure we join in too!

### **Forest School**



We are excited that Forest School will be beginning again on Fridays, starting very soon! We will let you know via ParentHub and on the noticeboard before the first session. Forest School will be every Friday morning for the term, and children will need wellies (if there has been lots of wet weather) or suitable shoes - no sandals even in warm weather please. The children need shoes that protect their feet when climbing on logs, etc.

### **Promoting Independence**

We are continuing to foster all the children's independence and there are several ways you can help your child with this:

- Please can your child come to nursery, and can you send in, clothes that they are able to change out of and into with minimal support. Please can you regularly check that your child also has spare clothes in their bag - ask a Nursery adult if you are unsure. Thank you.
- Shoes with Velcro are great to foster this independence, particularly as the children can enjoy numerous dressing up opportunities during the day. **Please only send your child in laces if they are able to fasten them themselves.** Also, as we move into summer, please ensure your child's choice of footwear enables them to safely use our climbing

equipment. Pumps/trainers or sandals that have straps to make sure they are secure are great for this.

- Encourage your child to show you how they can eat by themselves and go to the toilet by themselves - they are so good at this in Nursery now and it is such a great way for them to show you their independence.

### **Important Nursery Dates (more to follow)**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday (No school)

Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup> - Reading Café in Nursery

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May - City Learning Centre trip

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May - Dough Disco session for parents

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May - Half Term Holiday

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June - Reading Café in Nursery

Friday July 10<sup>th</sup> - Nursery class picnic on the Heath

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July - Final day of the summer term - 2pm finish

### **Transition into Reception**

For the children moving to Reception at Fleet in September, we will have transition sessions later in the term to help support their move. We have also started to eat lunch in the hall, as the children will do in Reception.

It is also helpful to develop good routines for getting to school on time. If your child arrives late, they often miss our morning carpet session where we read our focus story or explain activities. Next year, Reception carpet times will start at 9am so it is important your child is in school for this time.

Thank you for your continued support and please don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

Best wishes

Beth and Rebecca