

Spring Term 1

Animals around the world: - Who lives in a house like this?

Here are some further ideas for activities which can be done at home, to support your child's learning throughout this topic

Painting

- Make an animal puppet - This could be a stick, finger or hand puppet.
- Use different colour paints to make footprints using the animals. Can you make a pattern using the different footprints?

Small World

- Create a small world polar regions scene using small world animals, artificial snow, ice cubes
- Can you build a home for one of your favourite animals to live in?

Mark making/ Fine motor

- Can you draw a picture of your favourite animal?
- Number/ name practise in the sand.

Construction

- Create an igloo, using paper cups and bowls.
- Create a bug hotel to put in your garden.

Messy Play

- Can you make your own playdough?

Recipe idea

4 cups of flour (ideally use cornflour for a whiter dough, but plain/all-purpose flour will also work)

1 cup of oil (baby oil is suitable and is good because it doesn't have any colour, but vegetable oil would be better for children who may put it in their mouth)

Edible blue and white winter-themed cake sprinkles

Water

- Add a little blue water-based paint or food colouring to water and pour into a large tray and add some plastic fish or penguins to catch with small nets.
- Create a pond and sing '5 little speckled frogs'

Nursery rhymes

- 5 little ducks
- Down in the jungle
- Tiny Caterpillar
- 1,2,3,4,5

Maths

- Provide a selection of small world animals. Can you sort the toys in different ways, such as type of animal, colour or size?