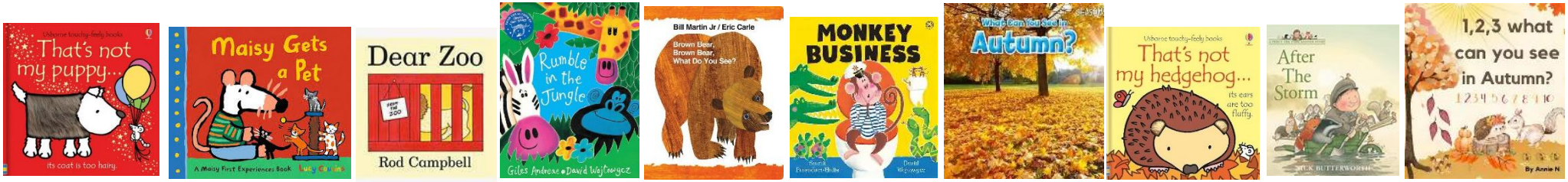
Starfish Class

Barndale Learning Plan

Term: 2026- 2027 Autumn 1

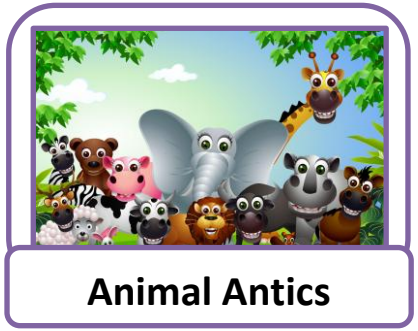


Books to Support Our Learning

Physical Development

How do I move around objects?

Children will develop their gross motor skills through movement and spatial awareness to negotiate obstacles. Their fine motor skills will be developed through various activities, such as playdough and using tweezers. Children will also work on individual targets and a range of activities to strengthen their muscles and bodies.



Animal Antics

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

How do I look after myself?

This term children will engage in simple routines to encourage more independence with self-care skills, such as washing hands. They will also be encouraged to make healthy choices about their diet. Through our topic work, children will also learn about pets and how to care for a pet.

Literacy

What sounds can I hear?

In early phonics, children will have opportunities to tune in to sounds in the world around them and to begin to identify everyday environmental sounds.

Our topic learning will often be done through stories and children will enjoy a range of picture and sensory stories.

Each child will also work on their own individual targets.

Communication and Language

How do I communicate?

Communication is at the heart of everything we do in Starfish Class. We will work on building communication skills and understanding of language through spoken words, Makaton and symbols.

Children will be exposed to a number of core words to help them understand important everyday language.

Each child will also work individually on their own speech and language targets.

Mathematics

What can I compare?

This half-term we will focus on understanding the basic mathematical principles of comparison. Children will be given opportunities to group things which are the same or different and begin comparing the amounts in groups. They will also work on individual targets to develop numeracy skills.

Expressive Arts and Design

What materials can I explore?

Linked to our ***careers work***, children will become wildlife artists as they explore a variety of materials and techniques to create animal themed artwork. They will have an opportunity to become a pet photographer as they take their own photographs of our soft toys. Children will also enjoy a range of traditional rhymes and Harvest songs.

Therapeutic Input

Children and staff work closely with Speech and Language Therapists, Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists and Multi-sensory teachers to support progress on individual targets. We will also make and adapt toolkits to support with regulation.

Understanding the World

What can I find out about animals?

Through topic work, children will spend time looking at animals, sorting types of animals and comparing features of different animals.

Children will learn about jobs in a pet shop or at the vet's surgery through stories and role play.

We will also begin to look at the change in seasons as Summer turns into Autumn.