

KIRTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM 3 NEWSLETTER 2021



YEAR TWO

January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to welcome you to the start of a new term. The children have already settled in well and are very busy with their daily timetable. In light of the current government guidance, the majority of children will be learning from home using Google Classrooms: this learning will mirror the learning that takes place in school.

Our Topic

Term 3: At the Zoo

In our topic this term we will be learning about animal habitats. We will be learning the suitability of animal habitats and how animal habitats depend on each other. We will be learning how to draw zoo animals as well as making our own zoo enclosures.

Maths and English

In maths lessons, children will be learning about: counting in 3s, 3D shapes, multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times table, measurement, addition and subtraction two digit numbers, addition of three numbers and money.

In order to support your child, you could aid them with their weekly homework as well as activities such as finding the correct money to pay for items at the shop.

It would really support your child if they were confident with their times tables. This would help them in all areas of maths. This term your child needs to learn the two times table, the ten times table and five times table.

In English, we will be learning about: *narratives, diary entries, information texts, reports, extended stories and letters.*

In order to support your child, you could read parts of a letter to your child, read narratives or even write a diary entry for each day.

The spellings that your child will be learning this term can be accessed through our school website; it would be really useful if you could help your child to learn these spellings.

Please encourage your child to read at home every day and ask them questions about what they are reading at every opportunity. We aim to change books regularly.

We will be using **Collins Big Cat ebooks** and aim to update the book choices regularly. Login details have been sent home for this.

Important Dates

- 4.1.21 First day of term 3
- 8.2.21 Parents' Evening 3.30 – 6
- 9.2.21 Parents' Evening 3.30 - 6
- 10.2.21 Parents' Evening 3.30 - 6
- 11.2.21 Parents' Evening 3.30 - 6
- 12.2.21 Last day of term 3
- 22.2.21 First day of term 4

Yours sincerely

Miss West, Mrs Valentine and Miss Wells
Year Two Class Teachers

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HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING THIS TERM:

- Visit <https://animals.sandiegozoo.org/live-cams> to watch animals live in their enclosures at a San Diego Zoo.
- Use a ruler to measure different toy animals your children play with.
- Discuss your child's favourite animal and create an animal fact file using the template below.

Animal **FACT FILE**

Name:	
Picture:	Description:
	Home:
	Food:
Other interesting facts:	

- Read a variety of books about animals from around the world.
- Follow the instructions below to create a zoo enclosure using different materials.

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Box Zoo

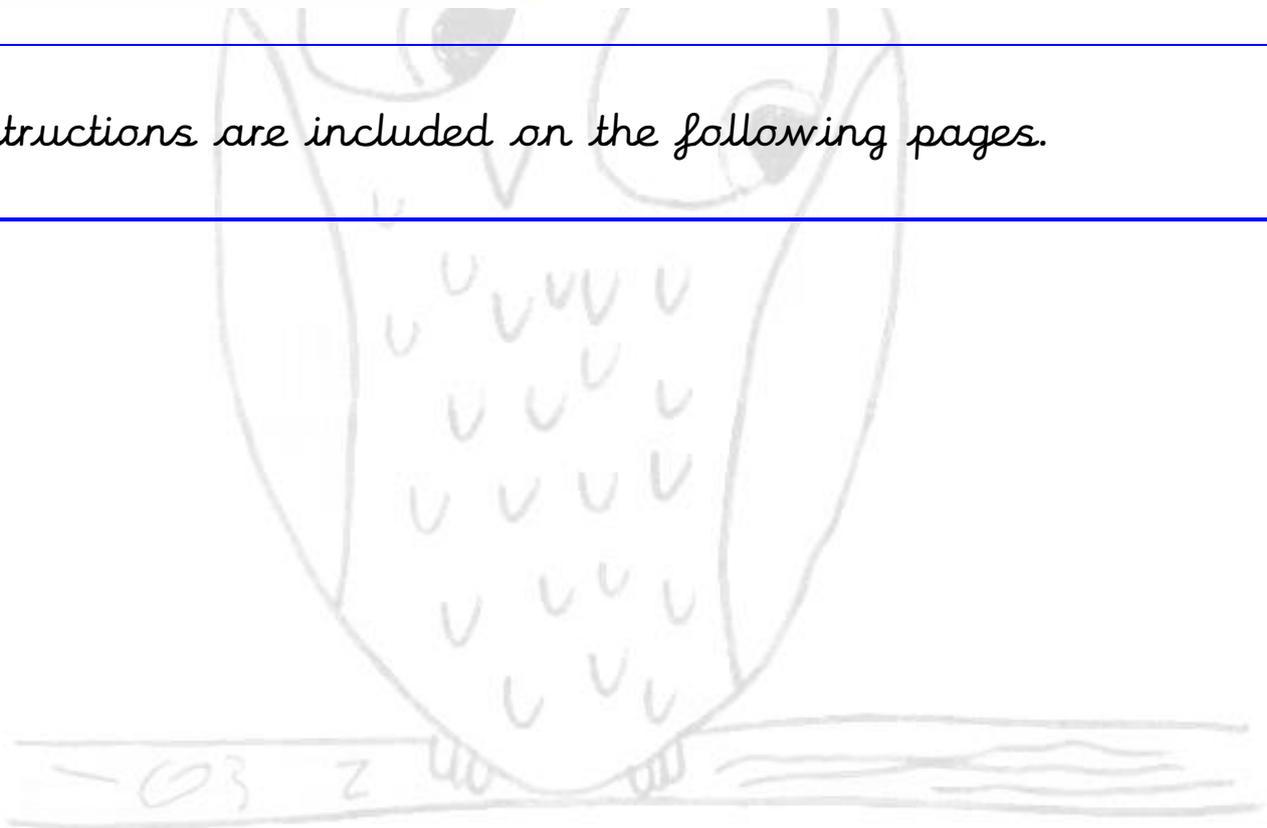
Create a mini zoo out of a large box or plastic tray and populate it with easy-to-make [standing paper animals](#) or with exciting three-dimensional [folding animals](#).



Materials

- Self-hardening clay or [salt dough](#)
- Scissors
- Craft sticks or wooden ice cream spoons
- Sand
- Plastic tray or any wide box (e.g. pizza box, cereal box or large shoe box)
- Decorative materials: feathers, flower-shaped beads, sequins, pipe cleaner, egg carton tray, etc.
- Poster paint or watercolor (optional)

Instructions are included on the following pages.



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An easier option for younger kids is to make these [Standing Paper Animals](#).



2. Now that you have created your paper animals, you can make a zoo for them using a wide box or old plastic tray.



3. Think of a layout for your zoo. Decide on where each animal should be housed. Sketch an outline of your plan on the tray or box.



4. Cover the area inside the animal enclosures with green self-hardening clay or [salt dough](#), putting a thicker layer around the edges.



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5. You can make a watering hole with blue clay or salt dough. Use the tip of a spoon to etch some waves on the dough.



6. Find suitable fencing material- you can use wooden ice cream spoons like I did or you can cut craft sticks in half. Other materials you can use are drinking straws or construction paper cut into thick strips. Stick the fence pieces around the borders of the animal enclosures. Push each one deep into the dough.



7. Here are some landscaping ideas for your zoo:

a.) Make flowers with flower-shaped beads, sequins or craft foam. Use craft wire, pipe cleaner, or colored toothpicks for the stems.



8. Cover the paths with sand.



9. Finally, put the animals inside their enclosures.



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Useful Websites:

Key things that parents can do to support their child this term related to things they will be learning about:

Visit <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> to practise times tables.

Visit <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/words-and-spelling> to practise your year 2 spelling skills.

Visit <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/mental-maths-train> to practise addition and subtraction.

