


# Little Acorns homework challenges Autumn 2023

<p><b>'Reach for the stars' Optional homework challenges for EYFS!</b> <b>Over this term see how many you can do.</b></p> <p><b>Our topic this half term is- Animals!</b></p> 	<p><b><u>Communication and Language</u></b> Animal noises, sing old Mcdonald had a farm and fill your farm with as many animals as you can. Could you have a penguin on your farm? What would it sound like? Ask a grown up to help you find out and try to imitate it. What other animals could you sound like?</p>	<p><b><u>Literacy</u></b> Can you practise writing your favourite animals names? Maybe you could draw and name your pet? Draw animals and name them, adults can help support handwriting.</p>	<p><b><u>Maths</u></b> Sorting and matching. Can you sort different objects around your house? You could put a mix of pastas into a bowl and sort them then play tea parties. Maybe you could sort buttons into sets or sorting cutlery into the right places in the drawer. You could also practise laying the table which helps your understanding of grouping and sets.</p>	<p><b><u>Harder to Read and Spell Words</u></b></p> <p>Please help your child to read and spell these words over the term. They will also come home weekly in a handwriting homework book. I will assess them at the end of the half term.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I</li><li>• the</li><li>• no</li><li>• put</li><li>• of</li><li>• is</li><li>• to</li><li>• go</li><li>• into</li><li>• pull</li><li>• as</li><li>• his</li></ul>
<p><b><u>Physical Development</u></b> Use different movements to show different animals. You could play guess the animal with a grown up. Act like the animal and see if a grown up can guess your animal. Think about the different ways you can move, quietly, stomping, gently, slowly, slithering, rolling, leaping, the list is endless!</p>	<p><b><u>Expressive Arts and Design.</u></b> Can you make rubbings using wax crayons? Discuss how your rubbings look, what different textures can you find? Use words like hard, soft, bumpy and smooth to describe the textures.</p>	<p><b><u>Understanding the World</u></b> Animal facts. Can you choose an animal you love and find out as much about them as you can? You could look at TV shows, the internet (with a grown up) or animal non-fiction books. Brampton Library has some super non-fiction books. Why not go and see.</p>	<p><b><u>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</u></b> Look at yourself in a mirror and make different faces to show feelings. Happy, sad, angry or excited. What other feelings can you show. Talk about how your face changes when you show a feeling. Maybe a grown up can photograph you with your feelings face and pop it onto Tapestry for us!</p>	<p><b>Reception Reading- Read 5 times a week to an adult. When the reading record has been signed 5 times in a week for 5 weeks children will receive their first 'Strive for 5' badge. This is not optional- sorry!</b></p>