EYFS English Knowledge Organiser - Amazing Animals - Summer 1

Key Texts

Dear Zoo

By Rod Campbell

A child writes to the **zoo** for a pet. The **zoo** send a series of unsuitable pets, revealed behind flaps in the form of crates and packing cases. These animals are all sent back for different reasons, except the last one, which is perfect! Dear Zoo is twenty-five years old -- and still as popular as ever!

Giraffes can't dance

By Giles Andreae

Gerald is a clumsy **giraffe** who would like to be able to **dance**, but cannot. The book provides an opportunity for students to discuss how they know what their abilities are.

Dear Green Peace

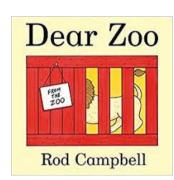
By Simon James

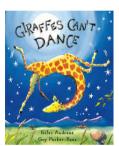
Worried that the whale living in her pond is unhappy, Emily writes to Greenpeace, who, though offering the best of advice, insists that it is impossible for a whale to live in a pond. Undeterred, Emily continues to seek the best course of action for her beloved whale, finally setting him free.

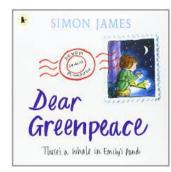
What the ladybird heard

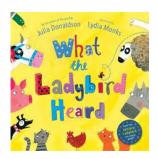
By Julia Donaldson

The animals on the farm are always noisy, all except for the ladybird who never says a word. But when burglars plot to steal the farmer's fine prize cow, it's the quiet ladybird who comes up with the perfect way to stop their dastardly plan!









Vocabulary

zoo	a place where some animals are kept for study, conservation or display to the public	
zoo keeper	a zookeeper is someone who cares for animals in the zoo	
jungle animals	wild animals that live in rainforests, warm or wet habitats	
farm animals	domestic animals that are kept by people for food, milk, leather, or wool	
pond	a pond is a body of water smaller than a lake	
pets	an animal that lives in your house or garden	
artic animals	an animal who lives in a very cold place surrounded by snow and ice	
habitat	this is where an animal lives. For example, A Frog will live near a pond/water, A Tiger will live in the jungle	

Segmenting and Blending



FRED TALK helps children read unfamiliar words by pronouncing each sound in the word one at a time. Squeeze a finger in turn for each sound and then put them together to make the word.

Tricky Words (Spellings)

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	like
	l've
	want
	call
	her
	some

Sticky Knowledge

Zoos are home to many kinds of **animals** from all over the world that you might not get to see in the wild. Depending on the **zoo**, some of those animals include polar bears, elephants, giraffes and even leopards.

Zoos try to re-create the natural **habitats**, or the places the animals would live in the wild to make them feel more comfortable and less confined. Some of these **habitats** include grassy plains, deserts and rainforests.

Farm animals include sheep, pigs, cows, ducks and rabbits.

They are animals kept on a **farm** and looked after by **farmers**.

There are many different kinds of **animals** that live in **jungles** that have become excellent hunters and gatherers in this extreme environment. Some of the most common **animals** that live in **jungles** are jaguars, howler monkeys, tigers, and cobras.