

Hello, we are Junior Park Rangers. We hope you enjoyed your half term. Did you visit any parks on your week off? The weather was a bit wet but that meant there were lots of puddles to splash in in wellies!

This month we have been thinking about Spring and why there are lots of baby animals at this time of year. Did you know that lots of babies hatch or are born in Spring because the weather will be warmer when they are young and small?

There is also lots more food around, things like seeds, nuts and berries on trees and plants, which means the babies have lots to eat to help them grow big and strong before Winter comes and the weather gets colder again.

We have been learning some of the names of baby animals and what they look like. Some of them are quite easy but other animals don't look like their parents at all! Have you ever seen a ladybird larva before? They don't really look like ladybirds!

This month there are frogs and toads laying eggs in local ponds and lakes so if you are near water over the next few months, you could try and go a bit closer to the water to see if you can see any spawn. Make sure you have an adult with you, and ask them to help you so that you keep safe near the water! Please don't touch or move any spawn or tadpoles as this can harm them or spread diseases.

Over the Easter Holidays there are free open mornings at Howe Park Wood. You can do fun activities and learn lots about nature. The Parks Trust have many things they have found in the parks there, like newts, birds' nests with eggs in, and fox bones. There is a lot to see there so you can go on their website if you want to go with your family and friends.

Thank you for listening today and we hope you have fun outside!