



This Half Term...

Communication and Language and Literacy

This half term we will have two phonics groups – one exploring Level 2 sounds and the other exploring Level 3 sounds. We will continue to develop our oral blending and segmenting skills and our understanding of rhyming words and alliteration as part of our daily routines and through stories. In English we will complete our work on the book *The Pirates Are Coming* by John Condon by writing a letter. We will then focus on a new text called *Clem and Crab* by Fiona Lumbers where we will look at the structure of a story.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term we will complete our topic 'Being Safe' by thinking about things that are safe to touch and eat and recapping how we can stay safe online. We will then move on to the topic 'Me and My World' where we will think about ourselves, people who help us in the community and discuss families around the world. We will continue to work on our independence skills and sense of responsibility for our learning and looking after our environment. We will also complete some work on resilience and managing our feelings.

Physical Development

In our PE lessons on Mondays with our sports coaches we will be doing athletics where we will develop our running, jumping and skipping skills. We will also learn how to work together and compete in teams. In our Thursday PE lessons we welcome a tennis coach who will teach us how to use a tennis racket to hit a ball and develop our hand-eye coordination.

Mathematics

In maths this half term we will be recapping some previously learnt skills, such as counting carefully and the composition of numbers to 9. We will also look at the composition of 10 and learn some number bonds. We will then use what we have learnt to try solving some problems. At the end of the half term we will explore length and height.

Understanding the World

This half term our topic is Amazing Animals. Each week we will focus on a different group of animals, such as those from the farm, jungle, safari, woodland, polar regions and under the sea. We will learn about some different countries where they can be found and learn to describe them. In the Nature Reserve we will be looking for signs of summer, using natural materials to create pictures making observational drawings and hunting for minibeasts.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be using our topic of Amazing Animals to develop our creative skills. We will make a collage of different animal prints and explore colour mixing using paint and pastels, alongside making models. Our roleplay area will start as a vets, then change to an explorers camp and then become an aquarium. In music we will develop our rhythmic and composing skills by learning to create sounds with cups.

Thought of the term...

in this classroom
 YOU BELONG HERE
 YOU ARE IMPORTANT
 YOU ARE LOVED
 YOU ARE ENOUGH
 YOU ARE VALUED
 YOU ARE RESPECTED
 YOU MATTER

Homework

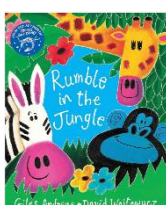
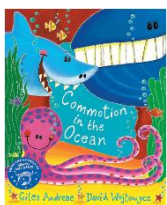
Please continue to support us by reading with your child, ideally everyday, and commenting in the Reading Record. Please also check Purple Mash and Giglets to check for new activities or books that have been assigned to your child. If you have any problems accessing Purple Mash, Giglets or Teach Your Monster To Read please let us know.

If you have any questions, please do come and ask Miss Muller or Mrs Healy.

How I can help my child at home

- Practise writing their own name using the correct letter formation.
- Practise writing the numbers from 0 – 20 using the correct number formation.
- Practice counting beyond 10 and then beyond 20.
- Practise writing CVC words, such as cat, dog, pig, bag, write simple sentences and use the word 'and' to extend sentences.
- Read a range of fiction and non-fiction books at home.
- Encourage your child to talk in full sentences and extend their sentences using words such as, and, or and because.
- Challenge your child to use different words to extend their vocabulary. For example, instead of using the word happy, you could use glad, pleased or excited.
- Continue to encourage your child to be independent and giving them simple jobs to encourage responsibility.

Reading Recommendations



Dates to remember

PE will be on **Monday** and **Thursday**.

21st April – Parkour Workshop

30th April – Phonics Workshop for Parents

30th April – Dr Bike in for free bike safety checks

11th May – Drama workshop for children

Dates for Show and Tell and Forest School are on a separate letter.

