



Spring Term, January 2022



Welcome back! We hope you have all had a fantastic Christmas and New Year. This term, we welcome Miss Meakin our new Early Years Apprentice who will work alongside the staff in Early Years whilst completing her training.

We are looking forward to the new term and this newsletter will give you more information about what is going on in the classroom and what the children will be learning.

This term, we are starting a new topic called 'Amazing Animals' which will be taught through Early Years Foundation Stage areas of learning and R.E.

Here are just some of the activities that the children will be doing up until February half term. In some cases, the activities will be guided by the children's interests.

RE-

Christmas
Baptism
People Who Help Us

RHE-

Resilience and Coping

Physical Development-

New dances to jungle songs
Jungle obstacle course
Clay/ playdough jungle animals/
mini-beasts
Jungle movement
Multi-skills-ball skills (throwing and
catching)

Personal, Social and Emotional-

Everyone is good at different things-
celebrating our differences.
Discuss likes/ dislike about different wild
animals/ creatures
Expressing preferences
Trying new foods-Chinese New Year

Communication & Literacy-

Using a range of high quality
texts to support reading and
writing
Labelling wild animals
Creating fact-files
Who am I? Describe & illustrate
animals (lift the flap)
Daily Phonics
Caption and sentence dictation
Letter formation
Life-cycle books
Animal descriptions
Tiger Who Came to Tea invita-
tion
Talking about their favourite
creatures and places in the
world
Jungle/ Polar Explorers role
play areas

Traditional Tale of the Half Term-

Mr Wolf's Pancakes



Mathematics-

Comparing numbers to 5
Composition of 5
Comparing mass/capacity
Subitising
Begin to automatically recall number
bonds to 10
Repeating patterns on paper plate snakes
Sorting jungle animals according to own
criteria
Comparing weights/ measure of
different animals
Ordering numbers to make caterpillar
bodies
Snail races using ordinal numbers
Money wallets-Chinese New Year

Expressive Arts and Design-

Paper plate masks/ snakes
Learn new jungle songs/ rhymes
Design own animal prints
Create own Matisse snail

Music-

Exploring sounds using voices, body percus-
sion and instruments in music linked to the
class topic.
Use instruments to recreate jungle animal
sounds.

Understanding of the World-

Guess the animals from the print (animal
patterns)
Seasonal Changes- winter
Looking at different animal habitats
Mini beast hunt
Snail patterns
Matching mum and baby animals-lifecycles
Observe differences/ similarities between
animals/ creatures
Polar/ jungle exploration area
Considering the impact that the North and
South Pole and the jungle has on the world
Chinese New Year

What can you do at home?.

- Practise the sounds, tricky words and numbers in your child's sound purse.
- Practise identifying and naming parts of a book -title, author, illustrator, spine and blurb.
- Reading at home at least 4 times a week.
- Practise forming letters (upper and lowercase).
- Practise forming your numbers.
- Reading stories to your child.
- Nature walks-spotting features in the environment.
- Encourage your child to dress and undress themselves.
- Practise zipping up coats.
- Play simple games to encourage turn taking.
- Talk about meanings of our key vocabulary.

Just a reminder.....

- New PE days this half term are Thursdays and Fridays
- PE kit is a blue polo shirt, blue shorts and black pumps; this can be kept on the children's pegs for the half term.
- A spare full change of clothes is very useful.
- All items of clothing to be labelled with children's names.
- No jewellery to be worn on PE days.
- Books to be kept in book bags which should be in school every day please.

Weekly TimetableMonday

- Gospel Assembly (whole school)
- Reading books changed

TuesdayWednesday

- Homework books collected in

Thursday

- Music
- Reading books changed
- P.E. Multi-Skills (Miss Mogford)

Friday

- Success Assembly (whole school)
- Library slot (Library books to be returned & swapped)
- Tricky word/sound pack check
- P.E. Multi-Skills (Miss Mogford)
- Homework books given out

Reading Books

We will now be giving out two reading books at a time, a colour-banded book (e.g. pink, red) which your child can phonetically decode and a reading comprehension book. The reading comprehension book is to encourage your child to use and apply reading strategies. Some of these books may have words in that your child can't sound out, this is to encourage them to use other reading strategies such as picture cues and recall. Please refer to the page at the back of the book for further guidance and support when listening to your child read this book.

Sharp Eye**Question or Queries.**

If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to contact us. We all want the children to have a very productive, enjoyable Spring term. The best way to ensure this is to nip any small problems in the bud before they become big problems.

Wednesday 26th January
Reception Height & Weight
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