

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term is all about transition and preparing your child for the next step in their learning journey. We will continue to support your child's personal, social and emotional development through our daily interactions, circle times and discussions. We will be using stories and our weekly PSHE lessons to help prepare the children for move up day.

We will be working on developing independence when solving problems with our peers and reminding the children to use their words to talk about how they are feeling. We will also encourage the children to think about their responsibilities when following our school rules and doing our best in preparation for Year 1. **Remember it's Ready, Respectful and Safe....**

We will be learning about our new values of **Fairness & Courage**. We will try to think about how we can be fair in our work and in our play as well as trying hard to be brave when faced with changes.

Habitats

Reception - Summer 2
Prime Areas



Physical Development

We will continue to develop your child's movement skills through a range of gross and fine motor activities.

We will be providing lots of opportunities in the provision for your child to develop their strength, balance and co-ordination when playing. They will continue to learn how to negotiate space and obstacles safely, with consideration for themselves and others.

In games, we will be enjoying a range of athletics activities and we will begin preparing for sports day.

We will continue to support your child in using a variety of tools independently and with increasing control. We will be learning how to form zig zag monster letters in our weekly handwriting sessions. We will also begin learning how to write some capital letters correctly.

At Home

Continue to practise forming all of the letters from the correct starting point. Remember to use the handwriting prompts given to support you. Encourage your child to look at the sizing of the letters too.

Communication, Language and Literacy

We will develop your child's language skills by providing lots of opportunities for them to use talk to organise, sequence and clarity thinking.

Your child will listen, respond and retell stories about growing and baby animals including:

A selection of non-fiction animal texts
Sharing a Shell
Meerkat Mail
Rumble in the Jungle

We will continue to explore different poems from around the world including a classic seaside poem written by Shirley Hughes.

Your child will have the chance to speak in front of others during their 'show and tell' and respond to questions. We will also be preparing for our end of the year special assembly!

We will continue to work on developing your child's listening and attention skills through whole class inputs, value story times and feelings circles.

Growing

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Literacy

We will continue to develop your child's literacy skills through a range of teacher led, independent and child initiated activities. In phonics we will be working on reading and writing words with long vowel sounds as well as words ending in suffixes such as **s/z, es, ing, ed, and est**. We will continue to practise blending and segmenting words when reading and writing simple sentences and we will be reviewing all taught tricky words so far.

This term will have a non-fiction focus and the children will be working on their sentence writing skills when writing facts about the different animals/ habitats we have learned about.

There will be opportunities to explore a selection of non-fiction texts on animals to retrieve facts and information. We will continue to work on remembering some of the key vocabulary from these texts.

At Home

Continue to refer back to the sound and tricky word books. Work on tricky word spelling if your child is secure reading the words.

Mathematics (White Rose)

We will continue to provide lots of opportunities for your child to practise and consolidate their key mathematical skills. We will review many of the key concepts taught this year such as composition of the numbers 1 -10, counting patterns beyond 10, subitising skills and working on our number bonds to 5/10. We will learn more about addition and subtraction by using a range of practical resources. We will be working on using a number line to count on and back when solving simple problems.

Your child will also have opportunities to explore measure when looking at mass, capacity and position in the provision and in directed tasks.

At Home

Continue to work on counting and ordering numbers to 20 and then beyond if they are able to. Ensure they are saying the 'teen' numbers clearly. Practise saying the number bonds to 5 and then to 10 to see if they are confident with this. You can use practical apparatus to help, an abacus or beads on a string is great for this!

Understanding the World

This half term is all about animals and their habitats! We will be providing lots of opportunities for the children to make observations of animals and different environments from around the world, including an exciting visit from zoolab. We will be using maps and atlases to locate different countries and we will compare the similarities and differences of the following habitats: **Ocean, Rainforest, Polar Regions and Deserts**. We will also spend some time looking back at the past when exploring seaside holidays and learning more about how things used to be. We will compare them to the present day.

We will continue to learn about how the seasons change and we will be going on a walk to the field to look out for signs of summer!

Expressive Arts and Design

Your child will have opportunities to safely explore and use a range of different materials, tools and techniques both with support and independently. They will be constructing with a purpose in mind whilst making their own under the sea animal crafts and habitat collages. They will also have the opportunity to use a range of different tools when creating observational drawings of different animals.

There will be many opportunities to sing a range of well-known nursery rhymes and perform songs, poems and stories with others. They will be able to make use of props and materials when role playing characters in narratives and stories. They will be learning lots of different songs in preparation for our end of the year assembly!