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Spring 2

Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parent / Carer,

We are very pleased with how well the children are exploring and learning in Nursery. They are enthusiastic about the activities we provide but more importantly they are beginning to come up with their own ideas to enhance their learning. Our September intake have really welcomed and supported the new children who started in January which has been a pleasure to see. Our topic this half term is 'In the Jungle and at the Zoo'.

Subject Overviews

Writing

This term we will continue our learning in Read Write Inc. Children will learn the sound of the letters and how to write them.

We will provide opportunities to develop fine and gross motor skills. There will be activities that will strengthen their muscles ready for writing. We will still have opportunity to mark make using a wide range of media including crayons, paint, markers, pencils and through our messy play.

Reading

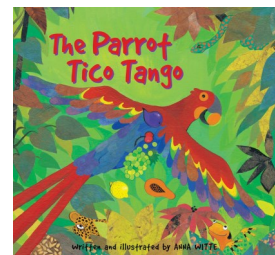
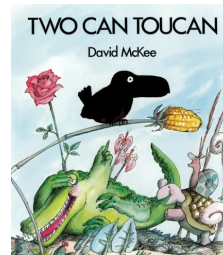
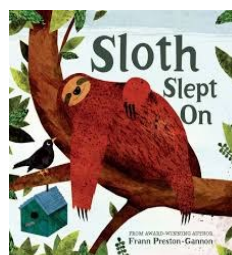
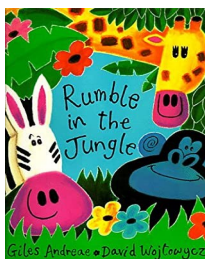
We will share stories related to our topic this half term. Some of the stories we will read together are Rumble in the Jungle, Sloth Slept On, Two can Toucan, and The Parrot Tic Tango. We will continue to develop our auditory memory skills which is an important pre-reading skill. We will play games and take part in activities that will help us develop these skills. Children will re-tell and create their own stories through role play and story props.

Maths

In Maths, we will continue to practise counting using numbers 0-15. We will explore how numbers change when we add more or take some away. We will continue to learn about 2D shapes and will begin to look at the properties of 3D shapes. We will look for shapes in the environment. We will compare sizes and begin to use the language of size.

Topic

Our topic this half term is In the Jungle and At the Zoo. Through these stories we will explore story telling using our imagination, rhyming, and learn about story structure. The children will have lots of opportunity to role play and create their own narratives through their learning. We will learn some exciting songs related to our topic. In addition, we will learn about different animals and where they live.



Personal Social and Emotional

Children will develop an awareness of feelings of others through stories. They will continue to make good friendships. We are still practising how to take turns and share, using words to sort out any issues. The children are becoming confident to talk about their own ideas and share these with their peers.

Communication and Language

The children will be introduced to new words associated through our stories and topic. We will encourage the children to join in with repeated refrains. We will ask how and why questions to encourage them to extend their sentences and come up with their own explanations.

Physical Development

Children will be learning ball skills in their PE lessons. They will practise rolling, catching, bouncing and kicking different sizes of balls. Please make sure that the children are suitably dressed on their PE day on Monday e.g. girls wearing leggings or trousers. The children will continue to practise their mark making through continuous provision.

Understanding the World

Children will learn about animals and where they live through our topic. We will look for similarities and differences between animals in hot countries and animals in cold countries. Children will continue to develop their questioning skills and start to explain how and why things happen. They will continue to talk about things that they have observed such as different countries and animals. Children will explore using technology by using the Beebots to programme simple algorithms and use the interactive board to access different programmes.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will listen to stories and develop our imaginative play around these, we will create our props to act out stories. Children will continue to build up their vocabulary in describing different textures. We will be learning to move rhythmically to music as well as playing simple rhythms on instruments and learning how sounds can be changed.

Parent Reminder:

Please make sure that you label every item of clothing to help the children keep track of their belongings.

We are discouraging the children from bringing in toys from home and ask for your support with this please.

Our PE sessions are Monday AM and PM.

If your children are in nursery for these sessions please make sure that you send them in with trainers.

***Parent Reminders:* Please put water in water bottles not juice.
Please label all clothing to help the children keep track of their belongings.**

Upcoming Events

- Thursday 4 March 2021 World Book Day– Children dress up as their favourite book character
- Last Day of Term 1 April 2021