

YEAR GROUP: Reception

DATE: April / May 2024

TIME ALLOCATION: 6 Weeks

TEACHERS: Miss Byers & Miss O'Connor

Literacy

This half term, we will be sharing a variety of stories and will introduce key vocabulary to the children linked to the texts. We will be encouraging the children to think of their own sentences, and to use their phonic knowledge when writing words. The children will also be encouraged to use a capital letter at the start of a sentence, and a full-stop at the end. In phonics, Reception will continue to review the phonemes they have learnt so far, before we move on to learning some tricky spelling rules.

Maths

In maths we will be learning more about 3D shapes, including spotting 2D shapes on their faces. We will also continue our number work by looking at numbers beyond 20 and by introducing the children to the concepts of addition and subtraction.

Understanding the World

During this half term, we will be sharing the story 'We're Going on a Lion Hunt' which is set in Africa. We will then use this story to look at what animals we might find in Africa and compare them to animals we find in other countries. We will then be sharing the story Handa's Surprise and will look at places that are special to us.

Me and My World Around Me (Far)

We're Going on a Bear Hunt

Michael Rosen Helen Oxenbury



WHY?

This topic provides us with lots of opportunities to look at the world around us (far) and compare features of our environment to those in Africa. We will also be using the story Nelson's Dangerous Dive to discuss ways in which we can help look after our planet and the animals.

WOW:

We will be making our own African Art work looking at zig-zags and colour.

OUTCOME:

The children will be able to name animals that we might find in Africa and will be able to discuss the differences to animals we find here.

Communication and Language

This half-term, we will be sharing various stories including Nelson's Dangerous Dive, Handa's Surprise and We're Going on a Bear Hunt. We will then be exploring like the family from We're Going on a Bear Hunt, looking at different materials and textures, and thinking of words we can use to describe them. We will also be encouraging the children to express their ideas and feelings about their own experiences, using full sentences and past, present and future tenses.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half-term we will be continuing our Jigsaw work with the new theme 'Relationships'. We will be discussing ways in which we can make friends and what we can do to be a good friend. We will be encouraging the children to show sensitivity to their own needs, and those of their peers.

Physical Development

This term, we will be continuing to develop our gross motor skills during our weekly PE sessions. We will also be continuing to develop our balance, strength and co-ordination during our trips to Forest School. This half term, we will also be encouraging the children to begin to use accuracy and care when they are drawing.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be exploring African Art, experimenting with zig-zag and straight line movements both inside and outside. We will also be exploring African music, and will be making our own percussion instruments out of junk-modelling materials. During imaginative play, we will be encouraging the children to make use of props and materials, and to invent and adapt narratives during their play.

SMSC

We will be particularly focusing on manners and thinking about other people's needs over the course of this topic.

BRITISH VALUES

We will be finding out about respect for others as well as incorporating ideas about why we have rules, deciding things together and why it's OK to have different ideas.

TOPIC HOMEWORK

What is your special place?

ASSESSMENT

In the Early Years, we assess children continuously by observing what they do, talking to them about their thinking and looking at the work that they produce.