



Hello lovely families! Welcome to the start of the new year! We are looking forward to teaching lots of new things throughout this term to your children and see the progress they will make! Here is an update on all the things we will be learning this term....

Important Dates:

WB 28th April: Trips to forest school start this term. See your child's class teacher for the dates.
July: Our big trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park and your child's graduation ceremony will happen this month. Look out on class dojo for dates!



Our PE Days:

Friday



Our book changing days:

Friday

Please ensure that you read their reading book with your child every day.



Homework:

Please take the time to talk to your child about their day. Read them a story at bedtime.

Please complete the speed read sheets we send home each week.



Literacy:

Every half term we will have two focus stories. Our stories this term are; *The Three Little Pigs* and *The Little Green Dinosaur*. We will explore key vocabulary from these texts and begin to learn how to learn stories by heart and retell them. We will work towards producing pictures with labels and captions to show meaning.



Communication and Language:

This term we are continuing to learn how to use our looking eyes and listening ears. This helps children be ready to learn new things and remember them. We will be teaching children how to answer who and what questions, responding with a who, what doing and where sentence. We will learn new and ambitious vocabulary in our word of the week sessions such as *strong* or *terrified*.



Maths:

In maths this term we will be continuing to learn how to subitise numbers 1-10, to look at an amount of objects and know how many there are without counting. We will also learn about the composition of numbers to 1-10 and make comparisons using the words 'more than, less than and equal'. We will explore doubles and odd and even numbers and look at the patterns we can see. We will look at construction modelling and language to describe this.



Phonics

The children are now fully participating in our Sounds Write lessons. We will continue to work on children's listening skills and their ability to blend. We will continue to learn how to hear the first sound in any given word. We will be focussing on children learning to build, read and spell words with 4 sounds and words that contain 2 letters making one sound such as *ship* and *chum*.

PSHE:

This term is all about us learning how to set our own goals and how to be resilient as we try to meet them. We will continue to use our school COGS to describe our learning processes. We will learn how to turn our enquiry cog, and ask questions. We will also focus on handling change in the run up to moving to year 1.



Physical Development:

A big focus of this term is to teach children to form letters correctly. We take part in daily handwriting sessions and learn each letter with the correct pencil grip and posture. We will also be learning about fluid movements in different ways such as skipping and hopping.



People, Culture and Communities:

A big focus of this term is to talk about maps and countries of the world! We will look at the climates and habitats that we would find in different countries and the animals that we might find there.



Understanding The World

This term we will be learning about two different categories of animals; birds and bugs and animals from Africa! We will be talking about life cycles of mini beasts and plants and making drawings to represent these. We will be looking at the features of animals and their different habitats. Our trips will really lend themselves to seeing these animals first hand and using vocabulary to describe them!

Past and Present

This term we will be learning about Dinosaurs and the Prehistoric world. We will learn that dinosaurs did exist but only in the past. We will learn what life was like at this time and how life has changed now.



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