

What are we learning this half term?

Some of our subjects link to a theme which we call the Learning Quest. Other subjects are taught as stand alone.

Reception- Spring 2-Laurel Class

Learning Quest - Animals, Animals Everywhere!



Literacy development

CORE BOOKS: *Mad about Minibeasts, Walking Through the Jungle, Handa's Surprise, Commotion in the Ocean, The Little Red Hen.*

Reading: Daily Phonic sessions. Children will be learning to decode *Red* and *Green* words and read simple sentences.

Writing: Continue to support sentence writing with capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. Children will use their phonic knowledge to spell simple words and some more complex words.

Mathematics

Number: Children will solve problems including doubling. Children will explore number bonds. Children will continue to develop their understanding and application of subtraction.

Shape, Space and Measure: Children will learn 2D and 3D shapes and learn to describe them. They will be introduced to coins and their value. Children will begin to use positional language to solve problems.

Understanding of the world

People and Communities: Learn about the story of Easter and why people celebrate it.

The World: Learn about our environment and how to take care of it. Learn about animals from around the world. Discuss similarities and differences between animals.

Technology: Use iPads to create a picture of animals and where they live.

Expressive arts and design

Exploring and Using Media and Materials:

Children will learn animal songs, rhymes and dances. They will use a variety of tools and media to create paintings, models and drawings.

Being Imaginative: Children will explore of work of artists and looks at colours and techniques used. Children will work as part of a group to take on a role in their play.

Communication and language development

Listening and Attention: Children will listen in a range of situations for longer periods of time.

Understanding: Children will begin to give responses about their experiences, stories and events by answering 'how' and 'why' questions.

Speaking: Children will express themselves clearly and appropriately, taking into consideration the needs of others.

Physical development

Moving and Handling: Children will continue to develop their letter formation. They will move confidently in a range of ways safely negotiating space.

Health and Self Care: Discuss and show an understanding of safety and risk in the classroom environment

Personal, social and emotional development

Making Relationships: Children will continue to learn to engage co-operatively.

Managing Feelings and Behaviour: Continue to work together to follow class routines and rules.

Self-confidence and Self-Awareness: Children are confident to try new activities.

SMSC & British Values

Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural

Make Easter nest cakes

Create an Easter card for your family

Discuss things that we celebrate with our families

British Values

Learn to show respect for the faith and beliefs of others (link to Easter)

Home Learning & Updates

Children will receive a Learning Quest project, to be completed over the half term.

Please support your child with the following:

- Daily reading
- Practising sounds and key words
- Number formation

Helpful websites:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

<https://www.ictgames.com/>

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>