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Reception – Summer 1: Learning Quest

Amazing Animals!

Thames Class

Mississippi Class



Core Books:

Fiction

Mad about Mini-beasts, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Handa's Surprise, Commonation in the Ocean

Non-Fiction

Life Cycle of a Butterfly, Frog and Chicken

Literacy Development

Reading/Comprehension

Daily phonics and weekly guided reading sessions.

Learn 'Red' words and use 'Fred Talk' to sound out words.

Writing

Continue to build on sentence writing and be supported in using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops

Children will use their phonic knowledge to write a range of simple words and some complex words

Communication and Language Development

Listening Attention and Understanding

Listen attentively and respond to what they hear with relevant questions, comments and actions when being read to and during whole class discussions and small group interactions.

Hold conversation when engaged in back-and-forth exchanges with their teacher and peers.

Speaking

Participate in small group, class and one-to-one discussions, offering their own ideas, using recently introduced vocabulary.

Mathematics

Number

Double and halve numbers to ten

Count up to 15 objects and recognise different representations

Add and subtract using a tens frame and a part-whole model

Number bonds to 5 and 10

Continue to reinforce one more and one fewer than a given number

Numerical Patterns

Learn the properties of 2D and 3D shapes

Physical Development

Fine and Gross Motor Skills

Pencil control for writing and 'Funky Fingers' activities

Developing letter and number formation

Develop scissor skills and the handling of small tools

Throwing and catching

Running and jumping

Developing Sports Day event games and skills

Move confidently in a range of ways, safely negotiating space

Understanding of the World

Past and Present/ People, Culture and Communities

Know some similarities and differences between things in the past and now, drawing on their own experiences and what has been read in class.

The Natural 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.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Building Relationships

Form positive attachments to adults and friendships with peers

Self-regulation

Show an understanding of their own feelings and those of others, and begin to regulate their behaviour accordingly.

Managing self

Manage their own basic hygiene and personal needs, including dressing, going to the toilet and understanding the importance of healthy food choices.

SMSC & British Values

Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural

Talk about different festivals and celebrations and what we can learn from reading different stories. In particular Christianity, Islam, Hinduism and Sikhism.

Talk about the values and traditions that you celebrate with your family.

British Values

Develop mutual respect for different faiths.

Expressive Arts and Design

Creating with materials

Children will explore of work of artist: Julie Wilson –

Sculpture. Children to create their own animal sculptures using different materials.

Being imaginative and expressive

Learn some songs and actions about animals.

Children will work as part of a group to take on a role in their play

Continue to engage in a range of Sing-Up activities

Home Learning and Updates

It is very important to help support your child at home with their learning. Please support your child with the following:

- Daily reading
- Developing letter formations using the RWI rhymes
- Name writing and word writing including red words
- Number recognition and formation

Websites to help with your child's learning:

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

<https://www.letterjoin.co.uk/log-in.html>

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=16>

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