



Curriculum Overview

Year: Reception
Summer 1 2026

Communication and Language Literacy

This half term we will discover a variety of different animals and their habitats and through non-fiction books, we will introduce the children to some interesting facts and vocabulary. They will be encouraged to listen attentively and respond to what they hear with relevant questions and comments when being read to and during whole class discussions and small group interactions. This will help them deepen their knowledge of the animals that we are studying and encourage their inquisitive minds to ask questions to find out more about them.

In writing we will introduce a new book each week based around a different animal group. such as *Rainbow Fish* and *We're Going on a Lion Hunt*.

The children will continue to develop their skills for writing sentences, including demarcating their sentences with a capital letter, finger spaces and a full stop. Our exciting Early Years provision will be abundant with writing opportunities that encourage them to apply their phonics skills, such as; writing a letter to the farmer, writing messages on *Rainbow Fish's* scales, Or a shopping list at the pet shop.

The children will be consolidating their knowledge of phase 3 sounds, and we will focus on identifying any digraphs and trigraphs within words to help them decode them. They will read aloud books that are closely matched to their phonics knowledge and we will expect that they begin to read some words by sight.



Theme for this term:

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We will take your child on a journey to some amazing animal habitats such as, the African savannahs and the Great Barrier Reef. They will learn about some features of the animals that live there how they survive in the wild. To enhance the topic, we will visit Packington Farm to learn about farm animals and we will be hatching our own chicks in school.

Physical Education

During these sessions children will learn to move in different ways to match a variety of animals. They will also refine their ball skills further by throwing, and catching and kicking with more accuracy.

PSED

This half term, children will learn how we all have different beliefs and celebrations, what characteristics make a good friend, and how we need to listen to one another.

Mathematics

Children will begin to count larger groups of objects and will learn the counting pattern past 20. They will visualise, make and describe spatial arrangements. They will learn to recognise visual representations of doubles and subitise doubles amounts.

We will be consolidating their use of finger patterns to represent the composition of 5. The children will be taught to represent numbers to 10 the most efficient way, including on a ten frame. They will match amounts to the numeral up to 10. We will order numbers to 10, recognising a missing number and justifying its position.

Understanding the World Expressive Arts and Design

In our topic lessons, the children will learn about different animals across a range of habitats. We will look closely at their features and how they protect themselves in the wild.

Through stories and non-fiction texts they will learn about the location of these habitats across the world and how they are different to where we live.

They will explore our woodland for some mini beasts and go on a trip to the farm to learn more about farm animals.

Our focus artist this half term is Matisse. The children will recreate a piece of art of his style. We will encourage the children to evaluate and build on their learning, encouraging them to say how they will improve it.