

Literacy

Through this theme we will be encouraging the children to develop their work on non-fiction books, identifying and using the main features such as contents and index pages. We will be extending their skills in reading and writing information sentences, captions and labels. The children will be encouraged to improve their descriptive writing and develop their creative writing such as using animals as the main character. Sentence work will continue using simple punctuation and connectives.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we will be supporting the children to develop their caring and sharing skills. We will be encouraging the children to understand that their actions may affect other people, how they can help and support others if they become upset but also how they can think and change their actions before someone becomes upset.

Mathematics

We will continue with our work on numbers beyond 20 and introduce counting in different sized steps, counting in 10's, 2's. We will begin to look at each part of a two-digit number. We will introduce the vocabulary related to time and begin to tell the time to o'clock. Shape and measurement work will be extended and sharing will be introduced through activities related to our stories.

Physical Development

In Gymnastics we will be exploring travelling taking the weight on different parts of our bodies. We will be encouraging the children to use a range of tools and materials effectively and safely. We will also be learning about how to transport and store a variety of equipment safely. We will continue to improve our agility, balance and co-ordination skills during our Games lessons. We will also be developing our fine motor skills, expecting correct letter formation of all letters and smaller controlled writing.

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Understanding of the World

During the term we will be learning about animals and minibeasts, their homes and different environments and how animals protect themselves. We will find out what an animal is and what it needs to survive. Our work will also include life cycles of different creatures and how they change and develop from young to adult. We will also learn about how plants grow and investigate the conditions they need.

Communication and Language

We will be giving the children opportunities to extend and develop their language and vocabulary, using new words in their play, imagining and recreating stories and character roles. We will encourage the children to follow stories without props and will be working on developing the children's ability to listen and do at the same time.

Expressive Arts

We will be using a variety of tools and media to design and create 3D animals and minibeasts and we will be developing our techniques and skills and comparing textures and finishes. The children will continue to explore the instruments and investigate how sounds can be changed and repeat patterns and rhythms. They will also have the opportunity to develop their skills at listening and responding to music.

Religious Education

This term we will be discussing Our Beautiful World and the changes that happen. We will also be listening to and discussing stories Jesus told including Noah's Ark.