

Literacy

Our first literacy text this half term is called 'Home' and during this text, we will be thinking about how our homes do not all look the same. We will link this learning to our local area geography.



Following this, we will begin reading the book, 'Blue Penguin' as part of our learning about Antarctica and we will then read some Anna Hibiscus books to link to Africa.



With all of our texts, we complete a weekly adult-led task in response to what we have read and discussed. This half term, we will also learn about sentence structure, introducing how to use capital letters and full stops.

Phonics

We will soon have learnt all of the phonemes taught in Reception, as we are nearing to the end of Phase 3 phonics. We will then begin Phase 4 phonics and tricky words will continue to be a focus.

Please continue to practise reading with your child **every day** using the reading books provided as well as practising both the sounds and tricky words in the sound books. This term we will be beginning our guided reading lessons which will take place three times a week in small groups.

We will also continue to practise blending words to read and segment words for spelling. We will continue to practise our handwriting every day to work on letter formation.

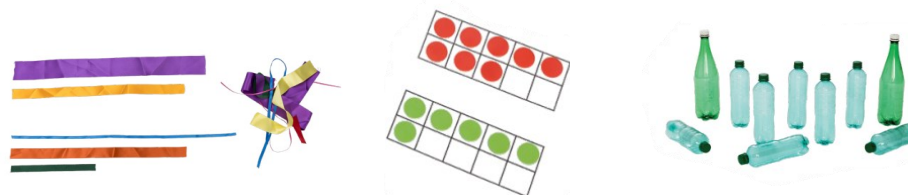


Maths

The children will start the term by deepening their understanding of the numbers 6, 7 and 8. This will include finding 1 more and 1 less and drawing representations of amounts, such as 8 legs on a spider. The children will also be given the opportunity to explore partitioning 6, 7 and 8 in many ways with a wide range of objects.

Following this, the children will be introduced to length, height and time. The children will make simple comparisons to develop a sense of long and short and will use calendars to help to show the passing of time

At the end of the half term, the children will begin to explore number bonds to 10.



Communication and Language

This term we will focus on continuing to develop our listening and attention skills and responding appropriately to what we hear with relevant comments and questions. We will also concentrate on our speaking skills, in particular, using the correct tense when speaking about what has happened, what is happening or what might happen in the future.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Now the children are settled into school, we hope to see them further develop their confidence when trying new activities, sharing their ideas in front of a group and as always, asking for help if they need it. This half term in PSHCE, we will learn about identity and diversity. We will consider similarities and differences we have, different families, what life is like in other countries and how we can value the different beliefs people may have.

Physical Development

Fine Motor Skills: We will continue our work this term on zips. We have worked incredibly hard this term and are getting more and more confident with doing our zips up by ourselves. We will also continue our work on scissor skills and being able to cut lines that are not always straight.

Our main focus for this term is pencil control and letter formation. Our daily handwriting sessions will work to ensure our letters are formed correctly each time we write.

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Gross Motor Skills: We will continue to have two lessons of PE a week as well as a dance lesson. We will learn how to roll, balance and stretch in gymnastics and will practise skipping, bouncing a ball, travelling confidently and skilfully in our multi skills lessons.

Understanding the World

Our topic this term is 'The world around us'. We will begin the topic by discussing the local area we live in and comparing different houses and homes.



We will then compare the continent of Antarctica to where we live and we will make observations of seasonal change and weather patterns. We will then be learning about the differences in weather between the UK and the continent of Africa. We will also compare the landscapes in these continents and countries.



In our RE lessons, we will be learning about the Islamic



faith and will compare the different traditions to our learning about the Christian faith from last term.

Expressive Arts and Design

Art: This term we will focus on printing techniques, inspired by the artist, Piet Mondrian. This half term we will be learning about the



three primary colours and how they can be mixed to create secondary colours. We will also practise our shape recognition through our art work.

Music: This half term we will learn some new songs which will help us to develop a sense of beat, recognise different volumes/speeds, copy a simple rhythm, sort and name different sounds, identify key features within a piece of music and recognise the sounds of different percussion instruments.

