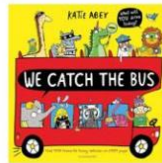
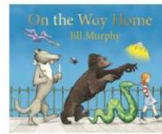
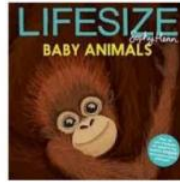


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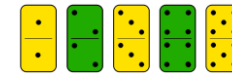
Our first literacy unit this half term focuses on animal story books. The children will create their own book about their chosen animal and will learn that writing can entertain. They will explore the idea that a character can have several adventures across the course of a story.

Following this, the children will write a simple story about a character who goes on an interesting or fun journey. At the end of each unit, the children will share their book with their peers.



Maths

In our maths lessons this half term, the children will learn about mass and capacity. The children will become more familiar with using balance scales and investigate the mass of different objects. To link to our journeys topic, the children will make their own water vehicles and explore floating and sinking. Our number work will focus on counting, comparison and composition. The children will learn about the composition of the number 7 and how it can be split into different parts. They will learn that two equal groups can be called a 'double' and connect this to finger patterns and games such as dominoes.



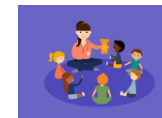
Phonics

We have now finished Phase 4 phonics and will use this term to embed the sounds and tricky words taught this year. We will have a greater focus on writing this term and will be working on sentence structure and accurate letter formation. We will continue to have phonics each day which will further support your child's reading and spelling skills and ensure that they are able to embed their skills. We would greatly appreciate your support by reading with your child daily and practising their sounds and tricky words to ensure that they continue to make progress this term.



Communication and Language

This term, we will continue to focus on expressing our ideas and feelings using full sentences, using the correct tenses to show past, present or future. We will also focus on making use of conjunctions in our speech, e.g. 'and' 'but' 'or', to extend our ideas. This will all help us to develop our conversational skills to allow us to have back-and-forth exchanges with the adults in our classroom and also with our friends. We will continue to learn new vocabulary and will hopefully be able to use this in our discussions and explanations.



Physical Development

Gross motor skills: In PE, we will continue our weekly dance lesson on a Thursday where we will learn a sequence of movements and how to change the style of a movement. In our Wednesday lesson, taught by Key Sports, we will be focusing on learning how to hit a target, including kicking, throwing and rolling a ball at a target. We will use equipment to control a ball.



Fine motor skills: This term we will continue to focus on our fine motor skills for writing and cutting. Your child can practise cutting at home to help them develop their scissor skills.



Expressive Arts and Design

Art: We will consolidate our learning about primary colours and create prints using 3D shapes. We will begin to create our own pieces of work inspired by Piet Mondrian.

Music: We will be creating a sound story using instruments to represent different animal sounds and movements which we will perform together as a class. We will also be singing action songs with changes in speed and playing percussion instruments with increasing control.



Understanding the World

This half term, our first topic is Animals, and the children will learn about British wildlife, farm animals, and zoo animals. Through stories, play, and activities within classroom provision, the children will explore where different animals live, what they look like, and how they move and behave. We will encourage the children to talk about animals they already know, build new vocabulary, and develop curiosity and for the natural world. Later on in the term we will be learning all about different modes of transport. We will look at transport from the past and compare it to the transport we have now, as well as discussing what transport we have used in the past. Our literacy texts will focus on buses, trains, boats and rockets. During our RE lessons this half term, we will be learning more about the Christian festival of Easter and how it is celebrated.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will finish our PSHCE topic, *Me and My World* in which we will learn about our local neighbourhood and how we can look after the area we live in. Following this, we will learn about *Healthy Lifestyles*. In this unit of work we will talk about how our bodies grow and how we look after our body and also about personal hygiene.

