

What are we learning about this half term?

The theme for our learning this half term is '*All Creatures Great and Small*'. We are looking forward to starting this topic off with our visit to Hatton Adventure World where we will have the opportunity to look closely at, and even handle some animals. During the half term we will focus on animals we have as pets. We will explore what we need to do to look after our pets, such as: what exercise they need and what they eat. Our learning will then focus on mini-beasts, discovering where they live and describing and comparing their features. If you have any expertise or resources to support us in making our new topic as exciting as possible, please let us know.

The children are now in their final half term in Reception and as a result we are increasing the pace of work and to prepare them for Year 1. Children will be expected to complete more formal activities independently alongside their child initiated experiences.

Literacy

As readers, we will be learning to;

- use different strategies to read and understand unfamiliar vocabulary
- use information books to find out facts about animals
- spot the difference between fiction and non-fiction books

As writers, we will be learning to;

- write information sentences about our pets and mini-beasts
- use interesting and varied vocabulary
- spell common irregular words (keywords) and phonically regular words of more than one syllable



Reception Class



Mathematics

As mathematicians we will be learning to;

- count in groups of 2s, 5s, 10s
- measure and order objects according to their length
- use the correct vocabulary to talk about capacity, length, position and time
- solve mathematical problems
- talk about money using the correct words and make values using coins

Expressive Arts and Design

- As musicians, we will continue to build a repertoire of songs, accompanied by musical instruments. We will use instruments to help us tell the story of 'The Creation'.
- As artists, we will be choosing different ways to represent our ideas, thoughts and feelings. We will look carefully at different animals and draw exactly what we can see.
- As designers, we will be combining and changing different media and materials when creating homes and the animals to go in them.

Religious Education

- As Spiritual Thinkers we will be reflecting on what is special about our world and how we can look after living things and our environment. We will be listening to the stories of The Creation, Noah's Ark and Jonah and the Whale. We will continue to enjoy our shared worship time as a school

Understanding of the World

- As scientists, we will be observing the similarities and differences between animals. We will be noticing and talking about the changes that happen to animals.
- We will be talking about the features of different animals and how they need to be looked after.
- As technicians, we will be selecting an appropriate application for a task when using a range of technology.

Physical Development

- As athletes, we will be running, jumping, throwing and catching.
- We will be learning to handle equipment and tools with dexterity.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- We will be talking about their ideas, and choosing the resources they need for chosen activities.
- We will be considering how we can sort out problems by listening to others.
- Throughout the day, we are learning to be reflective and resourceful, to persevere and collaborate.

School Value

Our whole school Christian value for this half term is 'Courage'. Have a look at the suggestions attached to the newsletter for ideas on how to reinforce this value at home. We would love your child to share their home learning linked to this value with us in school.

Class Routines

- Forest school sessions will be a Wednesday for RJ and Thursday for RB.
- Swimming will continue to be on a Wednesday morning.
- Sport will continue on Tuesday afternoons.
- Reading books will be changed twice a week. Regular reading at home and practising keywords is **very** important. Don't forget to sign your child's planner so we know that they have read at home.
- Please continue to use 'Bug Club' and 'Mathletics'. Should you have a problem with logging on or accessing the materials, let us know.
- Children need a water bottle in school every day.
- As the weather gets warmer it is important that you apply sun cream before school and provide them with a named sun hat.

Important Dates

- Friday 8th - Non-Uniform Day (children to bring sweets for Street Market)
- Monday 11th June - Reception Group Photographs
- Thursday 14th June - Trip to Hatton Adventure World
- Wednesday 20th June - Moving to KS1 Meeting, 4.30pm
- Monday 25th June- Sports Day (Reserve date - 2nd July)
- Tuesday 3rd July - Moving up Day, children will spend the day in their Year 1 class
- Thursday 12th July - EYFS and KS1 Values Church Service at St Nicholas Church, 9.30am