

Literacy

In Phonics this term we the reading words with 4 or 5 sounds such as sleep and flag. We will continue to learn new tricky words. Our topic for Literacy is animals. Some of the books we will be reading books are Noah's Ark, Dear Zoo, What the Ladybird Heard and Mad About Minibeasts. In conjunction with these we will be learning lots of wonderful vocabulary, rhymes and Makaton sigs. In writing we encourage the children to write sentences independently, using the sounds that they have learnt. Additionally, their writing

Religious Education

Our branch for learning in RE is called 'To the Ends of the Earth'. This branch explores Catholic teachings about The Holy Spirit, The Parish being a special place and Communities. The children will explore these teachings through a range of activities such as art, role play and biblical stories. The children will be attending Monday morning celebration assemblies and continue to enjoy hymn practice.

Mathematics

This term, we will explore more about numbers. We start by understanding teen numbers and we learn how to make them with tens and ones. We will count up to 30 and back to 30 and we will learn to read and recognise these numbers when we see them in the environment. Towards the end of the term we will learn about number stories e.g. I have 2 carrots and then I pick 4 more, how many do I have now? We will do this with addition and subtraction. Finally we will revisit 2D shapes; selecting for purpose, rotating, manipulating and explaining shape arrangements. We will then compose 2D shape pictures.

Communication And Language

This half term our roleplay becomes a vets, encouraging the children to communicate to make the animals well again. We will re-read some books so children learn the language necessary to talk about what is happening in each illustration and relate it to their own lives. We will practice giving clear reasons and explaining their thinking, as well as verbal directions – understanding and giving.

All creatures great and small



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Personal, Social and Emotional Development

During our PSED sessions this half term we will be revisiting what it means to be a good friend. We will also look at right and wrong choices and how these choices can affect others. As a result of this we will explore what behaviours are kind and unkind. Later in the term we will learn about the word 'motivation' and talk about how we try our best at activities we do.

Expressive Arts and Design

This half term we begin by looking at marking and patterns found on animals, and recreate some of these using oil pastels. We recreate some of the artwork in Eric Carle's books, creating a collage butterfly. Linking with RE, we create interpretations of Pentecost, experimenting with colour mixing and mark making to create flames and wind patterns. We will also have the chance to

Physical Education

This half term we will learn to roll a ball with two hands and one hand as well as moving to stop the ball and sending it directly back. We will repeat the same process when throwing, bouncing and kicking a ball. The aim is to move the ball with control so that it doesn't roll off or you have to run to retrieve it. We will do these activities first on our own and then we will learn to work with partner.

Understanding The World

The children will be learning about different groups of animals and their habitats. They will share photos of their pets and talk about how to care for animals. Tom's Talking Reptiles will be visiting us to talk about different types of reptiles and their characteristics. The children will get the opportunity to get close to or if brave enough hold a snake, Giant African land snail and a stick insect.