



CLASS LK- RECEPTION

We hope that you have all enjoyed a lovely half term break!

Our topic for this half term will be: **AMAZING ANIMALS**, as many of the children have shown an interest in wild animals during the last half term. In addition, the children will continue their learning independently through play activities which will reflect their interests and learning needs.

Communication/ Language

We will encourage children to engage in conversation with adults and peers daily. We will encourage the children to develop their vocabulary and speak in full sentences. They will learn to share ideas, talk about events and ask and answer questions.

Mathematics

In our Number work we will continue to practise recognising numbers up to 10, then up to 20, as well as counting different amounts of objects. In our Shape, Space and Measures work, we will continue to recognise and describe basic shapes. We will also work on comparing height using vocabulary such as 'taller' and 'shorter'.

Understanding the World

We will learn about the season Winter in our forest school. The children will study wild animals and find out where they live in the world. We will compare the different environments of England, Africa, Polar regions.

Homework

Thank you for encouraging your child to read at home! Please remember to sign the log on each occasion your child reads, including books your child reads on 'Epic' (online reading site). Please ask if you need help with this site. Please remember to bring book bags to school, especially on Mondays and Fridays so that we can change books. We will practise your child's words (in the small pot) on these days and change these words too if needed.

PSED

This half term our Jigsaw theme is 'Celebrating Difference'. We will learn to become self-aware, accept others' differences, include others in play, and learn how to stand up for ourselves.

Physical development

For the time being, our P.E. lessons will consist of outdoor physical activities and indoor yoga in the classroom. We will therefore not need P.E. kits at the moment.

Literacy

We will share lots of stories and non-fiction books. Our focus texts for this half term are the stories 'Rumble in the Jungle' and 'The First Christmas Story'. Some of the children have now started Phase 2 phonics which consists of learning and using letters and sounds for reading and writing. We will be learning four new graphemes a week and the correct letter formations for each of the graphemes. I usually teach a phonics session and invite parents in to watch. I plan to record a demonstration lesson that you can watch on Tapestry at home. It will hopefully help you understand how to support your child with phonics at home.

R.E.

We will learn about Remembrance Day and make poppies. We will learn about and take part in celebrations for Diwali and Christmas.

Expressive Arts

We will be using different media (crayons, paint, pastels) to create firework pictures. We will use drama to act out The First Christmas story.

Thank you!

for all the voluntary contributions of 50p we have received. This has so far helped us to buy snacks for forest school sessions, and resources to make our own bird feeders.

Important messages

- Please remember to send your child to school in plain black jogging bottoms on Wednesdays (Forest School session) and send spare school uniform and socks with them.
- If you need any help with Tapestry or have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to ask.