

Understanding the World

This half term we will be learning all about Spring, Growing, Life Cycles and Minibeasts. Throughout these topics the children will learn more about the environment round them and allow them to make observations of animals and plants. They will be learning how to explain why some things happen and talk about changes they observe. We are looking forward to visiting Thetford Forest which will be the start of our topics. The children will have the opportunity to observe plants and minibeasts, as well as enjoy being in a different environment to one they might be used to in the town of Wymondham.

Mathematics

We will be continuing to learn how to apply and develop number skills. We have enjoyed using stories and real life situations to solve mathematical problems and will continue with this, adding and subtracting two single-digit numbers, and talking about how we worked out the answer. We will also develop mathematical vocabulary through the use of everyday language to talk about size, weight, capacity, position, distance, time and money. Maths Monkey is looking forward to spending more time at home with you, sharing the maths which we have been learning in school.

ICT

This term we will continue to develop our ICT skills. The class computer and whiteboards are available every day for the children to support learning. We will also be using the iPads to take and edit pictures, create and read stories and play number games.

Expressive Arts and Design

Our Creative Area provides opportunities for the children to mix colours and create pictures of events, people and objects. Through our topic there will be lots of opportunity for the children to develop their skills and techniques to create pictures, 3D representations of minibeasts and also explore different colours, particularly those they would see in the environment. We will all have African Drumming every Tuesday afternoon with Steve. He will teach the children about rhythm and coordination.

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Physical Development

During this term we will have our PE lessons outside, weather permitting, so children need to ensure they have their PE kit in school every day. We will be able to use the bigger outdoor space to develop games skills, such kicking, dribbling, throwing and catching, using bats and racquets and different size balls to develop co-ordination and control. Hedgehogs PE will be on a Thursday. Squirrels PE will be on a Friday. Please remove earrings and tie long hair up.

Reminder:

Named water bottles and sun hats please!

Important dates:

13th April – High Lodge, Thetford Forest

Communication and Language

We will continue to encourage children to ask and answer 'how' and 'why' questions about their experiences and also in response to stories or events. We will have Key Person Time sessions daily which encourage the children to speak in a small group, ask and answer questions and will also include our PATHS curriculum. The role play areas will be a Garden Centre and a Home. These areas give children the opportunity to cooperate, retell stories, re-enact real life situations, particularly including money, and use the vocabulary they have learnt from stories they have heard.

Literacy

Our phonics session continues daily and the children are encouraged to apply their phonics skills in their reading and writing activities daily. We have learnt to read lots of high frequency words, which we learn in each phonics lesson. The children are learning to write in simple sentences, using their phonics knowledge to spell words. Please find opportunities at home for your children to read simple sentences encouraging them to use their phonics to decode words or remember tricky words they have learnt. Please read with your child every day. Children with a book banded reading book can change their books when they are ready to – please remind your child to change their book. Remember Reading Robot loves to read everything and anything when he visits your home.

Library

We will be changing library books on a Tuesday this term. Class books continue to be changed on a Monday