

Information for Parents and Carers

Class 1: Autumn Term 1

“Where do different animals live?”

The focus of this half term’s work is ‘Animals including dinosaurs’. The children will name and sort animals and dinosaurs and learn the key vocabulary of carnivore, herbivore, jungle, forest, extinct, wild and tame.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we are focussing on building confidence to try new activities and taking turns and sharing equipment. In our Think Equal sessions, we are beginning to identify and name different emotions and learn about similarities and differences between people.



Communication, Language and Literacy

Every Monday we will talk about our weekend news. In Phonics we will be recognising and writing letters of the alphabet and simple words. We are going to use the story ‘Dear Zoo’ to find out about different types of animals (zoo, wild, pet) and will draw and write labels and simple captions about our favourite animals.



Mathematics

In Maths we will be learning the basic skills of counting and recognising amounts up to 5 (subitising), writing numerals 1-10 and finding one more/ one less than a number up to 10. We will also recognise simple 2D shapes and use these to create patterns.



Physical Development

This term our PE sessions are outdoors when we will be working on team building skills (Thursday). In Forest Fun we are introducing forest games and leaf/ tree identification (Friday).

Please ensure that your child always has their outdoor PE kit and wellies in school as days can change because of poor weather.



Understanding the World

Throughout our topic work we will be making observations about jungle and forest animals noting similarities and differences. We will also be discovering facts about dinosaurs and learning about different environments such as, jungles and forests.



Expressive Arts and Design

Our Art topic focusses on painting and creating a self-portrait. In DT we will be developing our junk modelling skills to make dinosaurs and jungle animals. Our music topic is called ‘Me!’ which will explore listening to music and learning to sing some Nursery Rhymes.

This term our role play is ‘the jungle’ (indoors) and ‘dinosaur safari’ (outdoors).



Ways in which you can help at home

- * Listening to your child read every night.
- * Play counting games – matching items to number cards.
- * Encourage your child to write their name + other familiar simple words.
- * Talk to your child about what they have done at the weekend ready for ‘News-time’ on Monday mornings.

Class 1 Dates for your diary:

- * 11th Sept – Meet the Teacher (Virtual) at 5pm
- * 20th Sept – Phonics workshop at 9am or 5pm
- * 26th Sept or 5th Oct – Grandparents Breakfast at 8.45-9.45am
- * 28th Sept or 3rd Oct – Open morning for Reception intake 2024 at 9.30-10.30am
- * 13th Oct – Harvest at Friezland Church
- * 19th Oct – Break up for half-term holiday