

Physical Development

Fine motor skills – we will continue to do dough disco and funky finger activities to develop our hand and wrist muscles. We will continue to do 'pen disco' to help with our letter formation. We will be doing some handwriting sessions to develop our letter formation.

Gross motor skills – Through P.E. we will be working on our ball skills. We will be learning how to control, bounce and stop a ball.

How can I help my Child?

Encourage activities at home which support fine motor control. Use the letter formation sheet to model the start and end point for each letter. Take a ball to the park to practice the skills we learn in PE.

Mathematics

We will continue to work on subitising and counting skills and explore the composition of numbers beyond 5. We will learn about equal and unequal sets and connect two equal groups to doubles.

How can I help my child?

Encourage your child to count beyond. Use practical resources to compare the quantities in groups. Look at numbers to 20 and beyond on road signs, vehicles, shops etc. when out and about.

Understanding the World

We will explore our woodland area with a focus on minibeasts. We will be looking for minibeasts and making habitats for them.

We will be learning all about different animals in the animal kingdom.

How can I help my child?

Explore your local woodland and search for minibeasts. Visit local wildlife centres or farms to experience animals. You could borrow information books from the library about different types of animals.

RE

We will be looking at the celebrations of Chinese New Year, Persian New Year and Holi – the Hindu festival of colour.

Personal Social Emotional Development

Our PSHE unit is 'Dreams and Goals'. We will be thinking about our dreams and goals for the future as well as perseverance and not giving up.

How can I help my child?

Talk with your child about their dreams and goals. You could share your dreams and goals with them too. They could work towards something at home such as learning to ride their bike

Communication and Language

We will be encouraging the children to make comments about what they have heard and to ask questions. We will be developing social phrases and engaging in story times; listening attentively and answering questions about the stories.

How can I help my child?

Encourage your child to ask questions. Talk to them about the stories you read. Talk about new vocabulary you discover in the stories you read.



Spring 1

What happens in the Animal Kingdom?



P.E. on Tuesdays. Please send your child into school wearing their

P.E. clothes on a Tuesday.

Stunning Start – Hedgehog Visit

Fabulous Finish – Animazing Visit



Please remember to add pictures and observations to Tapestry as we love to see the children's learning outside of school!

Literacy/Drawing Club

We will continue with our weekly focus texts in Drawing Club. These will continue to include high level vocabulary.

Library visit – Thursday

How can I help my child?

Look at the Talk to Me newsletter to see the vocabulary we are using each week and ask your child to explain the meaning of the words.

What new words can you find in stories you read? When reading with your child, explain to them the meaning of a word they have not heard before to extend their vocabulary.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be using natural objects to create pictures and models of animals. In music we will be exploring instruments and performing music to each other as well as exploring the beat in music.

How can I help my child?

You could encourage your child to gather natural objects to make pictures and patterns. You could encourage your child to tap along to a beat in songs.