

TERM 5 - 2025/26

Reception Class

Mrs Langston and Miss Owasanoye

Topic for the Term

The topic this term is 'Animal Safari'. We are going to examine the life cycles of various insects and watch how they grow as well as explore and learn about a variety of different animals.



Communication and Language:

We will demonstrate an understanding of different creatures; describe what they look like; discuss their life cycle and what their needs are. We will listen to and join in with familiar stories and continue to learn how to sequence and develop our own narratives and role play based on what we have learnt. We will use new vocabulary throughout the day.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

We will continue to practise turn taking in group activities and games. This helps us to build constructive and respectful relationships, play cooperatively and take turns with others. We will have discussions around our observations of animals. Additionally, we will be learning how to take part in sports and encourage our fellow team mates, as well as discussing ways to stay healthy, as part of our PE lessons.

Physical Development:

This term we start our PE lessons and we will be using the playground to practise our throwing, catching, kicking, passing, batting and aiming skills. We will further develop our confidence, competence, precision and accuracy when engaging in activities that involve a ball.



Literacy:

We will be reading books such as: 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', 'The Lion Inside' and a range of non-fiction books. This will help us to think about all of the creatures that are found hiding under logs, in soil and on leaves. We will write descriptions of insect habitats; extend our fantastic writing skills using describing words and think about writing sentences with full stops and capital letters.

Mathematics:

This term in Maths, we will continue with counting, forming our numbers correctly and solving number problems related to number bonds to 10. We will explore simple patterns this term and focus on counting on and counting back. Moreover, we will develop our understanding of numbers to 20.



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Understanding the World:

Children will describe minibeasts and habitats observed in the outside area, including how minibeasts move and what they look like. They will link this to experiences they have had outside of school through talk. We will also learn about the lifecycles of different animals.

Expressive Arts and Design:

Children will make their own instruments and explore the sounds they can make. They may even be able to compose their own piece of music once we have looked at rhythm. They will also create movement pieces to animal songs. Over the term, pupils will be painting, junk modelling and making models of minibeasts and their habitats.

General

Thank you for your effort with reading at home. Don't forget you can also read in the morning, which counts as an extra time. Please write in your child's reading record book every time they have read as we check every day. Once your child has finished reading the book at least twice (to build on their decoding and comprehension skills), please write 'finished' so that we can change the book.

PE

In Term 5, PE lessons will be on a **Tuesday**. We ask that the children wear their PE kit to school on their PE day. The children need a branded Jubilee hoodie, a plain top in the colour of their house team, black trousers and black trainers. If the weather is warm they can wear black shorts with their PE t-shirt and hoodie. Don't forget your Jubilee sun caps!

