

The World Around Me - Summer Topic

Dear Hedgehog parents/carers,

This term's theme will be named 'The World Around Me' to include animal habitats, life cycles, food chains, classification and plant life which will be centred around the children, their interests, establishing more complex skills and building on the ones the children already possess. Assessments of the children's learning, development and next steps will have been completed in the first week and will inform the learning objectives to be taught alongside a quick recap on our rules how to use and TIDY UP their classroom!

Independence and making a good learning choice, as always will be developed further to prepare the children for their transition into year 1.

The RE theme will be around - Why is the word God so important to Christians? Which stories are special and why? The reflection area will be enhanced on a 2weekly basis in line with objectives taught. We will continue to celebrate key Christian traditions throughout the year - ascension and Pentecost.

The Social and emotional aspects of learning will focus on change and preparing the children for moving on, this will include meeting the new class teacher and then preparing their classroom in the final week for the new children entering reception.

We will finish the topic with our trip to Doncaster Wildlife Park on Friday 5th July. The Hedgehog children will also be asked to plan and deliver a 'thank you' afternoon tea for all the adults who have supported them in school this year to include - making bunting, table cloths, cake stands, preparing and making the food, serving, sending out invitations and budgeting.

Should children wish to bring in things they have accomplished at home, created or talk about an experience then please do bring in on a Friday and your child will have the opportunity to talk to the whole class, again developing their confidence as they enter yr 1. We will have the GROW team in for 3 sessions and to support us to develop our flower bed in order to attract minibeasts and birds.

As always you will get a 2 weekly overview of learning objectives and a more in depth description of the activities.

OUR CLASS ASSEMBLY IS ON WEDNESDAY 10th JULY at 9 am - PLEASE CAN YOUR CHILD COME DRESSED AS AN OCCUPATION THEY FANCY WHEN THEY ARE OLDER.

HABIBA IQBAL will be joining our team until the 12th June on her first teaching placement (teaching the children in small groups).

Kind regards, The Hedgehog Team.

Communication and Language. Literacy - Reading and Writing	We will look at the Author Eric Carle and his books such as the busy spider, hungry caterpillar, plant a seed, little cloud and through these stories the children will continue to develop their sounds through discrete daily phonics, guided reading sessions and speaking and listening sessions. In French we will look at key words through the re telling of an interactive story Uki - seasons.
Mathematical development	There will be a huge focus on using and applying the number skills they have acquired through games, gardening shop (coins) and outdoor we will be solving practical problems. Baking will teach the children quantity, measure and capacity. Estimation, measurement and comparing will be the key areas for focused tasks through growing. We will be focusing on key vocabulary in whole class and securing those numbers to 20 and beyond.
Expressive arts and design.	Music - we will sing songs and use instruments to create sounds - create our own mini beast poem. Art and design - creating mini beasts, observational drawing, explore camouflage, patterns and symmetry. Imaginative play - small world - animal habitats and gardening shop inside and campsite with tee pee outside. The children will have the opportunity to create animal fact sheets.
Understanding of the World	Information and communication technology - We will look at using beebot and following instructions, typing skills and develop basic key skills through using video and camera. Science - We will investigate life cycles and classification, animal habitats and creating a space for the mini beasts. Design and technology - create a bird garden in our outdoor area.
Physical Development	We will partake in structured outdoor activities, making signs, water troughs, weaving, planting, campsite role play, gardening. We will develop our athletic skills in team games through a structured programme. We will continue to develop our fine motor skills through a variety of mark making, sorting objects, manipulating plasticine and dough and various structured activities. This will benefit the children when writing.
Personal, social and emotional development	We will develop our social skills through our outdoor learning, circle time, working together, team games. Turn taking, sharing, safe and kind hands, friendship and caring for each other will continue to form the basis of our class ethos. Change and moving on will be form the basis of whole class discussion.
Practitioners	Class Teacher - Miss. Ford (Fulltime - PPA Wednesday pm), Class support - Mrs. Clarke (Full time), Mrs. Docherty (fulltime), Miss Swift (Monday x fd)

- Baking every Friday (Your child will bake every other week). A £5 contribution would enable us to continue with baking this term, thank you.
- Story time - story making using sacks, big books (model reading patterns), sequencing stories, retelling through puppets, making stories using objects.
- Golden time (Friday pm only) and Friday only - show and tell.
- Please talk to me anytime should you have any concerns, activity ideas, want to help out on trips, have any expertise in an area - my door is always open, Kind regards, Miss Ford.