

### Personal, social & emotional development

The children will continue to develop independence and decision making skills. We will be continuing to build the children's self-esteem and self-belief and to encourage the children to be polite, caring and helpful to others. We will be exploring, in particular, the values of politeness and happiness in line with the school's Values Education.

### Expressive Arts & Design

Within 'Land before Time' we will be covering art techniques such as collage and joining materials. Within 'Jungle Explorers' we will be creating scenes using the computer and creating models using different techniques. Throughout the term we will be learning songs about winter and spring and continuing to use music and instruments to express ourselves.

### Physical Development

We continue to practise our fine motor skills using scissors, pens, pencils, paintbrushes etc. In our PE lessons we will be learning gymnastic skills including using apparatus safely and imaginatively. PE day is still FRIDAY so please ensure your child has clothing they can manage themselves. In the outdoor classroom children will continue to use the outdoor equipment to develop their fine and gross motor skills as well as problem solving.

### Literacy

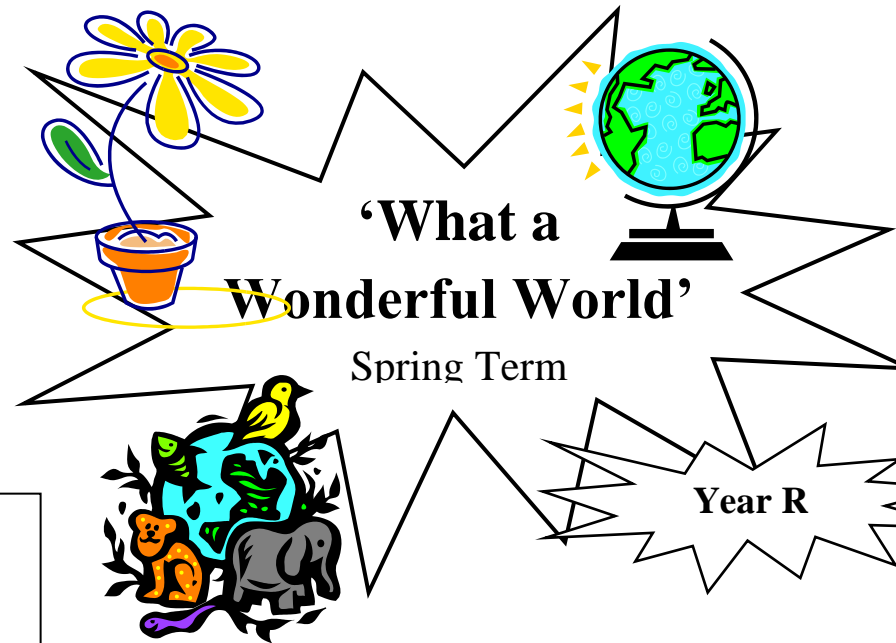
The children will be continuing to read from our reading schemes and their word tins. We will be reading a variety of fiction and non-fiction books. We will be continuing our work in Letters and Sounds, consolidating all the initial sounds learnt whilst learning long vowel sounds (such as rain, tree, coat). The children will be encouraged to continue to write independently, attempting their own spellings. We will be doing regular handwriting practice.

### Communication & Language

We will be encouraging the children to tell their news and share information with the class. The children will develop their listening and questioning skills in order to improve their understanding of vocabulary and ideas. The Diamonds will be doing their first class assembly at the end of the first half of term.

### Understanding the World

Our Topics will be Land before Time for the first half-term and Jungle Explorers for the second half-term. Within 'Land before Time' we will be learning about dinosaurs, materials, weather and concepts of history. Within 'Jungle Explorers' our lessons will include learning about plants, life cycles and making maps. We will begin to use the Learning Platform with the children's own logins, continue to develop mouse control and keyboard skills in the computer suite and in the classroom. We will also continue to investigate other technologies such as cameras, voice recorders and floor robots.



### Languages

The children will learn to count in French.

### Enrichment (trips, visitors, events)

Visit from Mrs Cassidy to learn about baptism, Mother's Day, World book day, whole school Science Day, Music specialist for drumming workshop.

### Maths

We will continue to follow the Early Years curriculum for Maths and will be covering addition, subtraction, identifying and making patterns, measures (height, length, weight and capacity), 2D and 3D shape recognition and description and problem solving by means of practical activities. We begin to record our ideas using pictures and numbers. The children will be encouraged to engage in independent Maths challenges.