



19th April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you had a happy Easter half-term. We are now starting the beginning of our summer term and our topic for the next few weeks is called 'We are Explorers'. We have planned lots of exciting activities that will encourage children to explore different habitats and look at how plants and animals grow. We will start with a little mini-topic all about dinosaurs!

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Children will respond to significant experiences showing a range of feelings. They will be encouraged to show care and concern for others and for living things in their environment. They will continue to be aware of their own needs, the feelings of others and personal hygiene safety through consolidation of our school rules and routines.

Communication and Language

Children will continue to develop their listening and attention skills using two channelled attention by 'listening and doing' at the same time. There will be lots of opportunities for children to talk in small groups and as a whole class, sharing their opinions and ideas effectively. Children will develop vocabulary related to plants, mini-beasts and life cycles.

Literacy

There will be opportunities for children to create fact-files about dinosaurs and mini beasts and posters using non-fiction texts. They will continue to learn Phase 3 letters and their sounds and practise their skills in segmenting and blending in order to read and write. They will continue to explore rhyming strings through stories and songs.

Mathematics

Children will learn to classify and count mini-beasts. They will continue to add and subtract small amounts. They will make pictograms based on their observations and have opportunities to use money in our roleplay garden centre.

Physical Development

Children will use a range of simple tools to achieve results. They will learn how to use these skills to create things that they want in their play or as models

using a range of joining and cutting materials. Lots of opportunities will be provided to climb, balance and slide down apparatus as well as using bats and balls to encourage collaborative games.

Understanding the World (UTW)

Children will learn to identify different mini-beasts and plants in their own environment outside. They will look at similarities and differences in the life cycles of animals including frogs and butterflies.

Expressive Arts

Children will learn to carefully observe plants and mini beasts and identify their main features such as colour, pattern, size and shape, transposing their thoughts onto paper. They will make collages using a range of materials to create different textures. Children will use their own bodies to create movement and dance and explore tempo and beat with fun calypso songs.

Ways to help your child learn

Please continue to hear your child read daily as well as share books together as sharing books is a great way to help and encourage your child to develop a love of books and expose them to a wide range of vocabulary.

Identifying numbers around them such as door numbers, numbers on buses and counting on and back from different numbers to 20 will really support their knowledge of number.

Continuing to give your child opportunities to become more independent by dressing and undressing themselves so they can practice buttons, zips etc, pouring drinks of water, using a knife and fork to cut their food at mealtimes and washing their hands after going to the toilet and before mealtimes.

Things to remember

Book bags need to be brought into school **every day** with their reading books **inside** so that your child can be heard to read twice a week.

Labelled water bottles to be brought in every day.

All uniform to be clearly labelled with your child's name.

Please check *Google Classroom* regularly for any messages or important information given about your child's learning.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to another fun term.

Mrs Anthony, Miss Oakley and the Early Years Team

