

Summer Term 1 2022

COMMUNICATION & LANGUAGE

This half term the children will have the opportunity to talk about stories, books and pictures linked to a variety of animals and their habitats. The role play area will provide a stimulus for language development and will include animal explorers and under the sea themes. The children will tell stories. There will also be a focus on answering 'how' and 'why' questions.

LITERACY

We will continue consolidating the children's knowledge of the Phase 3 phonemes and move into reading and writing words in Phase 4. The children will read Little Wandle books each week with an adult. Our writing will link to our topics and we will continue to learn how to spell some of the common exception words such as 'the', 'to', 'he', 'she' etc.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

We will explore the world around us through looking at animals and some of their different habitats. We will make comparisons between habitats, including our local area. We will learn about how some animals grow and change, including us. We will learn about Eugenie Clark who was an important marine biologist (she especially liked sharks) and David Attenborough. We will learn about St George and our Queen and celebrate her Jubilee.

PERSONAL, SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

This half term we will be using some SCARF materials that focus on caring for our homes/classroom and then look at caring for the natural world. We will listen to the story 'Somebody swallowed Stanley' and think about plastic in the oceans. We will also focus on activities that include working together, including making up games as a group.

All Creatures Great and Small (minibeasts, under the sea) The Queen's Jubilee

EXPLORING MEDIA & MATERIALS

The children will have the opportunity to create narratives in the role play area and with small world toys, including animals. We will have lots of opportunities to make models; including pipe cleaner minibeasts. Using the book 'Swirl by Swirl', the children will explore spirals and will also respond to the work of Alexander Calder and Robert Smithson. We will listen to Carnival of the Animals- Aquarium and the children will respond to this through their own music and dance. We will also use Kapow to explore musical stories.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

We will continue to work on developing both gross and fine motor control. We will continue to work on developing core strength and will use the climbing apparatus. Correct letter formation will continue to be a focus. PE lessons are on Thursdays and swimming/PE on Tuesdays. The children will talk about keeping safe when they are near water and with animals.

MATHS

This half term we will focus on numbers to 10/20 and beyond using tens frames and numicon and explore the counting patterns. We will explore doubling and halving. We will continue to use Numberblocks, supported by the NCERT resources. The children will continue to learn number facts to 5 and then 10. We will look at capacity and spatial reasoning.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This half term the children will look at the topic 'To the Ends of the Earth' from the Diocese planning. We will start by looking at Easter Sunday and learn about what happened. The children will then move into learning about Pentecost and begin to explore what happened to the disciples.