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Animal Adventure

Reception Summer Term



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a restful Easter break. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back, and it's great to see how quickly they have settled back in.

This term, our topic is "Animal Adventure," inspired by the children's clear interests with animals. We'll be exploring animals from around the globe, with a focus on a new continent each time. The children's favourite animals will help steer our learning, alongside a special book each week. Here are just a few of the key texts we'll be using...



Phonics

We will continue with our daily phonics sessions this term, following the Little Wandle programme. We have now learnt all of the sounds assigned to the year group. This term the children will learn to apply the sounds we have learnt to reading and writing longer words.

The adults in the room are running daily support groups to help support children to learn all their phonics sounds as well as working on their oral blending. I will send home a list of the sounds your child is working on if they have not yet got them all so you can help too.

Phonics is the stepping stone for children learning to read and write and is something I'm very passionate about. If you ever have any questions regarding phonics please reach out. It's amazing seeing their progress in their reading and writing and I'm so proud of how far they have come.

Reading

Please continue reading with your child every day! The aim for reading in Reception is for the children to be able to read simple sentences using their phonological understanding. These sentences may also include some 'tricky words' like the, to, was, and you. Short, frequent practice sessions will help them make progress.

Children usually swap their books on Thursdays or Fridays after their 3 reading sessions. Please ensure that your child has their bookbag with them especially on these days. We kindly ask that books be returned each week so they can be used by another group. As you know, these books are expensive, and we only purchase enough for each group, so it's important that they are returned promptly please.

Writing

The aim by the end of Reception in writing is for the children to write simple sentences **independently** with phonetically plausible attempts, meaning they can hear and write the key sounds in words **on their own**. It is also important for them to be able to read their writing to someone else.

There are ample opportunities for your child to write during adult led activities and through play. Again, I have daily writing groups for those children working on reaching this learning goal. You can help at home by encouraging your child to make cards for their friends, write shopping lists, write little reminders and do lots of drawing.

Mathematics

We will continue to have lots of fun this term with Maths, building number knowledge through carpet sessions, games and play.

In Reception, the learning goal in *Number* is for the children to count reliably from one to 20, order number to 20 and say what is one more or one less from a given number. Using quantities and objects, they add and subtract two single-digit numbers and count on or back to find the answer. They solve problems, including doubling, halving and sharing. Each week, one of these areas will be our focus and the children will have access to games and activities that will support their understanding.

For *Shape, Space and Measures* the children will be taught to use everyday language for size, weight, capacity, position, distance, time and money. We will explore everyday objects and shapes and use mathematical language to describe them.

Expressive Arts and Design

This term will be full of exciting making and creating activities! We will explore music from different cultures around the world, using it for both music-making and dance. The children will also learn a variety of new songs about animals. Our class loves role-play and is very skilled at it, so we will set up new role-play areas based on the children's interests as they emerge throughout the term. We will make animal masks as well as animal clay models.

Forest School

Forest School will resume for the first half of the summer term on the following dates:

30th April, 7th May, 14th May, 22nd May

Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for these sessions. Forest School will not continue after the half-term break, as we are busy with class assembly, trips and end of year early learning goals.

Physical Development

This term we will continue to have PE on Friday afternoons with Coach Keely. Please make sure they are dressed comfortably on this day.

As we approach summer and the weather warms up, there will often be water play opportunities for the children. Please make sure your child has a spare change of clothes in the classroom. Some of the spare clothes handed in at the start of September may need to be updated due to sizing and the change in weather.

Trips

A donation of £2 is appreciated on trips as this can be put towards the trip costs, thanks kindly.

Important Dates

8th May - Stay and Play

15th May- Hampstead Heath Trip- Animal searching, no packed lunch required

18th June- Kentish Town City Farm, packed lunch required

25th June- London Zoo- Animal Storytelling Workshop, packed lunch required

10th July- Reception Class Tea, please donate items for sale

11th July- Reception Class Assembly @ 10 am

16th July- Water Play Day, bring a change of clothes

18th July- Sports Day

22nd July- Last day of term, finishes at 2pm

Thank you in advance for your support and please let me know if you have any questions,

Shanae Hoschke
Reception Teacher