



CLASS RK- RECEPTION

Our topic for this half term will be: **All creature's great and small.**

In addition, the children will continue their learning independently through play activities which will reflect their interests and learning needs, and we may adapt topics to cater for children's interests.

Communication/ Language

We will be engaging in circle time daily, encouraging the children to talk about their likes and dislikes, and things they have been doing. We will be encouraging the children to develop vocabulary through 'Talk through stories'.

Mathematics

In Maths this half term we are focusing on 3D shapes, numbers to and then beyond 20 and grouping and sharing.

You can support your children at home by looking at different 3d shapes that you can see in the environment, such as a football being a sphere. You could also get your child to help when sharing things out at home.

Understanding the World

We will be continuing our Forest school sessions on a Tuesday afternoon, We will be looking at farm animals and their babies. As well as comparing our country to Africa, looking at the landscape differences and which different animals live here and there.

Reading books

In the next few weeks we will send reading books home on a Thursday, to be returned on the following Thursday. At first these will be simple sound books and then they will progress onto blending books. Later in the school year they will begin to bring home 'proper' reading books. We will send home a library book for you to share and enjoy over the weekend, to be returned on a Thursday.

Literacy

Our focus texts for this half term are the stories- 'Farmer Duck' by Martin Waddell, 'The Lion Inside' by Rachel Bright and 'Handa's Hen' by Eileen Browne.

We will be continuing our journey on the 'Read, Write Inc' Phonics programme, learning our new letter sounds, including some 'special friends'.

We will be writing short words and captions using the sounds we already know and continuing to learn new ones. We will be continuing to use Fred talk to help us to read words and will also be starting to Fred talk some words in our heads.

We will also have the opportunity to write independently during our learning time.

PSED

Our Jigsaw topic for this half term is 'Relationships'. During Jigsaw lessons we will promote mindfulness and develop pupils' well-being. We will work on developing good relationships with friends, as well as encouraging kindness and respect (two of our key Christian values).

Expressive Arts

We will exploring moving in different ways to music in our PE sessions. We will be painting farm animals and wild animals. Creating pictures with both 2d and 3d shapes through rotation and printing, and also continuing our Charanga music sessions.

Important messages

- Please make sure you write your child's name in all clothing items including shoes.
- Please ensure your child has appropriate outerwear, as we will still be learning outside.
- Please also send a hat with your child and put sun cream on as the weather (hopefully!) gets warmer.

R.E.

We will be looking at the creation story, talking about God and places that are special.

Physical development

We will be continuing our PE sessions every Thursday. Please ensure your child has a P.E. kit with them - red shorts and white t-shirt.

Thank you!

Any voluntary contributions of 50p per week would be greatly appreciated. This money is used to buy resources such as play dough or baking ingredients.