

Reception class—Summer (Term 5)

We hope that you have all had a super Easter break. We are very excited to introduce our new topic called 'Walking through the jungle'. Our main stories and classroom provision will focus on 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and 'Handa's Surprise'. We will also be delighted to have some new (and very hungry) members of the class to look after! Please see the next page which explains our topic in more detail.

Book changing will continue to happen on a Monday. Children have been reassessed for phonics and will either continue with their current colour reading books or have moved to a different colour. Please can you ensure that reading diaries are signed whenever a child has read. Children will continue to receive an extra phonics guided reading book that they have been reading over the week. These will to be sent out on a Friday. Video links for Phonics homework will be sent out termly too via Class dojo.

Reading Challenge—To encourage reading, we will be continuing our reading challenge. We will be awarding a stamp if the children have read at least three times over a week. When they have gained 5 stamps, they will be able to choose a book to take home and keep as a prize. We hope to encourage as many children to read as possible at home in EYFS and Years 1 and 2.

PE & Wood school —Children have been split into two groups for the next term. Half will be taking part in school swimming lessons on Fridays and the other half will be taking part in games lessons (again, on a **Friday**). They will need to come into school wearing PE kit on Fridays. For swimming, they will need a swimming hat, costume and towel. The pool requires that swimming costumes need to be a one-piece and swimming trunks need to be fitted, not loose. Children are also welcome to bring goggles. Please could you make sure that their clothing is named to make changing easier. Unfortunately, the pool does not encourage spectators to school swimming due to safeguarding but we will endeavour to let you know how your child has got on during the lessons.

Wood school will now take place on Tuesday afternoons. Please ensure children come to school wearing their PE kit, with jogging bottoms preferred over shorts. They should also have wellies and their outdoor kit in school, just in case.

Hot weather—As the weather (hopefully) becomes warmer, we would like all children to bring in a named suncream and sun hat (which will remain in school). We will top up suncream late morning but require children to have suncream already applied prior to school starting.

We are looking forward to another action-packed term.

Mrs Spencer, Mrs Hickey and Mrs Handley

Walking through the jungle

Maths

In Maths, we will be working daily on number formation to 20, counting to 20 and beyond, doubles to 5+5 and bonds to 5. We will also focus on:

- Number bonds (pairs of numbers that make 10)
- Counting amounts of objects
- Subitising amounts at speed to 6 and then 10.
- Capacity, Length, Weight and shape.

Phonics

We will be revising the sounds already taught and writing these in words. We will also be learning to read and write the ay, ee, igh, ow, oo and oo (u) sounds with some children also learning and revising the ar, ir, air, or, ou and oy sounds. We will be learning to use our spelling skills to hold a given sentence in our heads and write this independently, thinking about capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

Talk 4 writing

Children will learn to sequence, retell and discuss the following story of Handa's Surprise.

They will be concentrating this term on writing their own sentences and stories, working on developing independence in their writing. Classroom provision will also be set up to reflect these stories and for children to take their own learning further.

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RE

In RE lessons, children will be learning about special objects and places, including special objects that can be found in churches.

EAD

EAD sessions will focus on developing knowledge many areas. These include weaving, using watercolour paints, and mixing colours to make other colours. Alongside these activities, children will be encouraged to explore their own interests using the dough, paints, craft and modelling resources.

End of day texts

Shhh! - Sally Grindley

Handa's Surprise—Eileen Browne

Bilal Cooks Daal—Anoosha Syad

Walking through the jungle—Julie Lacombe

Ravi's Roar—Tom Percival

PSED

Jigsaw (PSED) will be entitled 'Relationships', with a focus on friendship. The children will talk about their friendships and how we can help build them, being the best friend that we can be. The children will also learn about bullying and ways to respond to this.

Understanding the World

In our Understanding the World sessions, we will be looking at similarities and differences between countries, thinking about the types of animals found in the jungle compared to the UK. We will also compare the weather in countries and the types of clothing worn.

Physical Development

This term the class will be swimming on **Fridays**. They will need to wear PE kit on this day and bring in their swimming kit in the mornings (if it is their turn to swim). Other sporting activities, focusing on ball skills, throwing and catching and cycling will also run for the group who isn't swimming.