

## **This half-term our theme will be Around the World**

### **In the Cold:**

**Key Text** – Penguin

This week we will focus on animals that live in cold climates. We will be learning about the environment they live in and how it is different to where we live.

### **Under the Sea:**

**Key Text** – Billy's Bucket

During this theme we will be exploring different sea creatures as well as exploring watercolours to paint underwater pictures.

### **Book Week: On the Farm**

**Key Text:** Farmer Duck

This week we will be learning about farm animals, learning their names and identifying their features.

### **African Plains:**

**Key Text** – Handa's Hen

Hot climate countries will be the focus for this week. We will learn about the animals that live in these countries, including their names and physical features. We will explore how hot climate countries are different to cold climate countries.

### **Pets:**

**Key Text** – Dear Zoo

This week we will find out about all the different pets that we have. We will be talking about our pets to the class and writing our own Dear Zoo book.

### **Minibeasts:**

**Key Texts** – Mad About Minibeasts

In this topic we will be hunting for minibeasts in their natural habitats.

### **How to help at home:**

Visit a local farm, zoo or sea life centre. Find out about different animals by visiting the library. Create different animals by drawing, painting, cutting sticking or even making an animal model. Encourage your child to label pictures and write sentences about different animals. They may even enjoy writing their own animal story. Please share any home learning on Tapestry and/or bring it into school.

### **Writing**

In our Literacy lessons the children will be focusing on writing sentences.

We will be learning how to use capital letters, full stops and spaces correctly. We will be encouraging the children to use WOW words (descriptive words) to make their sentences more interesting.

### **Handwriting**

We will be continuing our weekly handwriting lessons. We will start the half-term learning to write numbers and capital letters. We will also be revisiting all the letter families, focusing on applying correct formation when we are writing sentences.

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### **PSHE**

This half-term we will be covering the unit Health and Wellbeing. We will start by learning about healthy food and drinks, how to keep ourselves clean, why sleep is important, how to keep our body healthy through being active and how to keep our teeth healthy.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Reception Library Visits:** 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024

**Reading Rocks Day:** 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**Outdoor Learning:**

Week beginning: 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Week beginning: 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024

**Sewing Workshop:** Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024



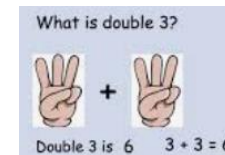
### **Story Time**

Every day the children will enjoy storytime with their teacher. Listening to stories helps young children to build an extensive vocabulary as well as learn to love books and reading. Each week your child will bring home a library book of their choice. Please spend time sharing this book as well as other books you have at home.

### **Maths**

In Maths this half-term we will be learning to:

- Count things that cannot be seen
- Practise strategies for counting larger sets
- Practise counting on from a given number
- Visualise, make and describe spatial arrangements
- Subitise larger amounts
- Recognise double patterns on my fingers without counting
- Subitise doubles shown on 10 frames
- Know different ways to make all numbers to 10
- Match numerals to quantities
- Find missing parts to 10



### **How to help:**

Continue to practise careful counting at home. Encourage your child to find 10 objects and check by counting them.

Continue to look out for numbers in the environment and play number hunts. Use objects to find different number bonds to 10. How many different number bonds can you find?