

Communication and Language

This half term, we will be consolidating all of the Communication and Language skills we have acquired throughout our time in the EYFS. This will include listening carefully whilst taking part in adult-led carpet sessions, following instructions involving more than one part, speaking in full sentences using the correct tenses and asking and answering questions appropriately.

Physical Development

The theme for PE is ball skills and preparing for Sports Day. This is still run by inspire+ which has been very successful. On Mondays, the children will be enjoying Forest School. We are focusing on how to build fires and staying safe when one is lit. We are combining our cooking with Forest Schools this term and we are making campfire donuts, chocolate orange cakes and asking the children what they want to do. On Fridays, the children will be taking advantage of the amazing facilities at Witham Hall for 4 weeks, commencing 10th June. **Please ensure your child comes in their PE kit as we will not have time for them to change before we leave school.**

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our Jigsaw topic is Changing Me. As the children move towards transition to year 1, we will talk about how they are unique and special. They will create a tree of change, and we will discuss what to do if they feel worried about moving up.

Mathematics – White Rose

This term we explore and represent patterns within numbers up to 10, including evens and odds, double facts and how quantities can be distributed evenly.

Subitising and number bonds continue to be the key aspect to everyday learning as these are the foundations to year 1 maths.



Expressive Arts and Design

We will experiment with different media and materials to create beach art and African art. The children will be drawing their self-portrait and whole body portraits.

Understanding the World

We come full circle in our look at seasons with Summer blossoming around the school. We will look at the development of the trees and plants we have grown. As part of our beach journey, children will have the opportunity to look at pictures and accounts of beach life in the past. In the second part of term, children will recognise the similarities and differences between life in this country and Africa.

Literacy

These are our core texts this term, there are also additional topic stories available to read depending on their interests:

The Train Ride By June Crebbin

The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch By Ronda Armitage

Seaside Holidays Then and Now by Clare Hibbert

Caribbean Dream by Rachel Isadora

Mama Panya's Pancakes: A Village Tale from Kenya by Mary and Rich Chamberlain

Handa's surprise by Eileen Browne

We All Went on Safari: A Counting Journey Through Tanzania by Laurie Krebs

Phonics

We will be continuing our daily Read, Write Inc. phonics sessions. Children were assessed last half term and have been put in the group that best matches their level. They will be assessed during this term so can move if they make accelerated progress.

Writing

Children this term are encouraged to write independently, and then have opportunities to build sentences with teacher-initiated writing sessions. These sessions are usually linked to our book focus to promote the use of vocabulary they have learnt during the week. Children are encouraged to use their own phonetical knowledge to spell their words, then build them into sentences both orally and written.

Key Dates

Mondays: Forest School

Tuesdays: P.E. Day

Fridays: Witham Hall – come to school in PE kit

Friday, 8th July – transition day

Wednesday, 13th July – Parent afternoon (Invites coming soon)

Thursday, 14th July – Sports afternoon

Friday 22nd July - last day of term.