



Communication & Language

This half term we will be using Animal stories to lead our play. Some of our favourites will include the Meerkat Mail, How many legs? and Mad about Minibeasts. Role Play areas around the unit will allow us to follow this theme, providing lots of opportunities for speaking and listening, reading & writing.

We will learn the story of the Dear Zoo and using our story maps we will be able to retell the story to our friends, talking about 'who' is in the story and 'what' is happening. We will then innovate the story to make a new version.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

This half term we will be talking about things we are good at. We will be setting ourselves simple goals. We will be learning about how to keep ourselves safe whilst we are out and about. We will be talking about our families and how we spend time with them.

Physical Development

We will continue with our weekly PE sessions in the hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We will be working on sending and receiving objects with different body parts. We will be working with a partner to listen, share ideas and questions. We will be building lots of models using our fine motor skills and begin to write labels and captions about these creations. In the outdoor area we will be travelling across the obstacle course to develop our gross motor skills.



Talk to your child about different ways to keep themselves healthy.

Literacy

This half term we will build upon the sounds that we have learnt, becoming more independent when reading and writing. We will start to write simple words and captions. When reading we will begin to use our good storytelling voices.



Can you practise writing some of the words you have built with your sound cards

Maths

This half term we are looking at comparing numbers to 5. We will look at the composition of numbers by finding different ways of making 4 and 5. We will introduce zero and begin to understand what zero looks like. We will carry on developing our subitising skills within 5. We will look at comparing capacity and mass.



Use the regular Maths games and Numicon activities that we send home to support your child's basic maths skills.

Understanding the World

This half term we will be learning about different animals. We will be looking at different habitats such as hot and cold. We will be looking at pets and how to look after them including sharing information about our own pets!

Amazing Animals



Expressive Arts & Design

This half term we will be learning about the artist Henri Matisse. We will be looking at his artwork and focusing on his famous collage 'The Snail'. We will also be focusing on using drawing to tell a story and constructing with a purpose. During our Music sessions we will mark and feel the beat in our heads. We will be improvising dance moves to music and matching pitch with a range of two or three notes.