



Physical Development:

We will have daily outdoor play to develop gross motor skills such as bikes and scooters, ball games, negotiating space whilst running and playing.

This half term, we will focus on developing children's fine motor skills through a range of engaging, hands-on activities that strengthen hand muscles, improve coordination, and support early writing. Our provision will include: Daily Finger Gym Activities, mark making opportunities, developing pencil grip and control, creative and construction play.

Literacy Development:

This half term in Literacy, we will focus on developing the children's awareness of rhyme through engaging and repetitive stories such as *Oi Frog!*. The children will enjoy listening to and joining in with familiar rhyming patterns, beginning to recognise and predict rhyming words within the text. We will introduce the picture cards used in the Read, Write Inc scheme will be introduced to the children this half term so that the children can confidently name them.

Expressive Arts & Design:

Through junk modelling, the children will be able to create some of their own animals.

The children will also have an opportunity to study animals and creating more detailed drawings of them.

We will be having crafts for the children to enjoy to celebrate Mother's Day and Easter.

Key Texts:

There's Nothing Faster than a Cheetah
Dear zoo
Rabbits Nap
Oi Frog
Follow the swallow
Were Going on an Egg Hunt

All Creatures great and small



Personal, Social & Emotional Development:

This half term, we will focus on developing the children's independence and confidence by encouraging them to make their own choices in learning, take responsibility for their belongings, and manage daily routines with increasing independence. Adults will support children to attempt tasks and solve problems before intervening, helping to build resilience and perseverance. We will provide regular opportunities for children to share their ideas, speak in groups, and try new experiences in a safe and nurturing environment. By celebrating effort as well as achievement and giving children meaningful responsibilities within the classroom, we aim to help them become more self-assured, capable, and confident learners.

Mathematics:

This half term, children will develop their understanding of early number and mathematical language. They will practise counting and learn how numbers change when taking away or adding 1, 2 or 3. They will explore shape, space and measure by matching objects and using positional and movement language. Children will build confidence in subitising by recognising small groups of dots without counting, and they will compare and sort collections using mathematical vocabulary such as more, fewer and the same.

Understanding the World:

We are looking at different types of animals - Dinosaurs, pets, zoo animals, arctic animals and marine life.

We will be exploring habitats and animals that live within these through lots of exciting tuff trays and other hands on learning opportunities.

We are looking forward to some cooking opportunities making pizza pinwheels, cupcakes and easter nests and biscuits.

Communication & Language:

Our poems from the Poetry basket this half term are called Let's put on our mittens, spring wind and A little house the children will be learning the actions and the words to these.

Other information:

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day, Mothering Sunday and Easter this half term.