



Our Wonderful World

Happy New Year! Our new year beginnings with our new topic, Our Wonderful World. During this topic we will travel around the world looking at different habitats and the animals that live there.

Literacy

Read Write Inc.

- Children will complete daily Read Write Inc sessions. This includes:
 - Continuing to learning to recognise initial set 1 sounds and build up speed with recognising the sounds they already know.
 - Develop the skill of blending (putting sounds together to make a word)
 - Begin to make words using the sounds they have learnt.
 - Reading sentences and writing longer words and sentences.
- Children will be encouraged to recognise and write their name.
- Children will develop a love of reading through our daily snack and story time.
- Children will enjoy listening to a variety of stories from different countries and cultures.
- Children will read non-fiction books to gain a better understanding of different animals.
- Children will use their sounds and segmenting knowledge to write 'Who am I?' statements for a variety of animals.



Understanding the World

- Children will learn about the different habitats and places we have in the world; the polar regions, Africa, China, the jungle, under the sea, woodland. As well as lots of discussion about different countries.
- Children will be introduced to the world map and learn which countries are hot and which are cold.
- Children will compare and contrast different environments that animals live in.
- Children will compare and contrast different environments that people live in. This will focus on Handa's Surprise and other books in the Handa series.
- Children will continue to look at the ways in which the weather is changing and what this means for wildlife and the natural world.

Physical Development

- Pupils will learn to use equipment safely and sensibly both at playtime and during PE.
- This term we will focus on gymnastics. The children will be developing different stretches and using them to roll, jump and hold.
- Children will gain a better understanding of why its important to exercise and how we can look after our bodies
- Children will take part in specific jobs to build up their fine motor control.
- Children will use their fine motor ability to form letters, words and numbers. They will gain confidence in forming them correctly.
- Children will develop how they hold their pencil – most should now be using the tripod grip.

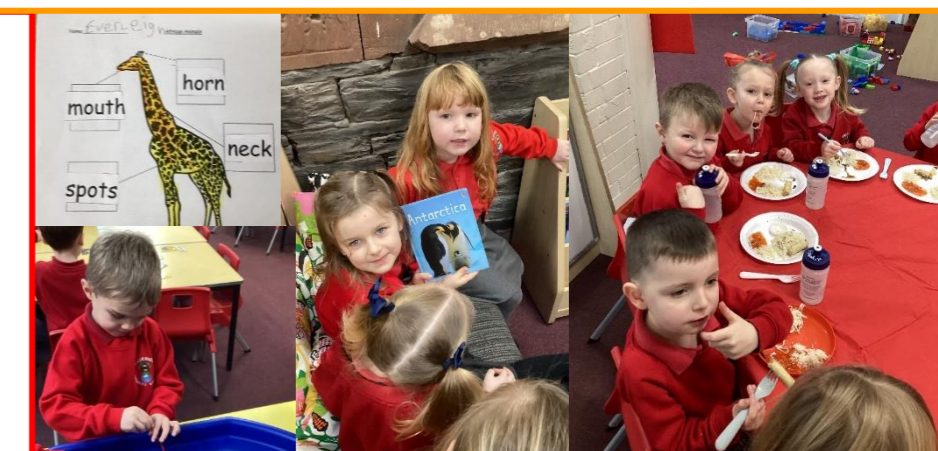
Mathematics

- Children will continue to watch Numberblocks as an introduction to numbers
- Children will be introduced to zero.
- Children will begin comparing numbers to 5 and using the language; more, less, fewer than.
- Children will build on previous knowledge to compare capacity and mass.
- Children will build confidence in their number bonds to 5.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- We will continue to develop children's confidence so they are able to speak to others about their own needs and interests.
- Children will continue to follow our classroom rules and routines.
- With support children will learn how to share and negotiate appropriately.
- Children will develop their resilience and independence when trying new activities.
- Children will continue to develop an awareness of their own feelings and how these can affect others.



Expressive Arts and Design

- Children will use a variety of materials and movements to create a **Henry Rousseau** inspired jungle artwork.
- Children will work collaboratively to create a Chinese dragon display.
- During Chinese New Year week, the children will use a variety of skills; painting, joining, cutting, folding and printing to create a selection of artwork.
- Children will experiment with colour to create an African sunset picture.
- Children sing songs daily, with more focus on songs with animals.
- The children will all play an African drum and investigate how to make different sounds with the drum, only using their hands.
- Children will continue to develop their knowledge of using shapes to create animal art.



Communication and Language

- Children will guide their own learning by expressing animals or habitats they have an interest in.
- Children will continue to develop the skills for sitting on the carpet and begin sitting for longer periods of time.
- Children will listen carefully to instructions and follow them appropriately.
- Children will enjoy listening to a daily story and develop their questioning skills to find out more.
- Children will develop their vocabulary around different places in the world, different foods, different animals etc.