

Newsletter 18/03/24

Learning this week:

This week we start our wild animal theme. Children will learn to identify wild animals, learn the sounds they make, their features and the habitat they live in. Children will be going on a safari trail to find the wild animals! There will be learning about animal patterns and making animal prints.



Talk to your child about:

- What wild animals can you name?
- What noises do they make?
- What features do they have?
- Where do they live?

Core Story:

This week's core story is **'Polar Bear, Polar Bear.'** by Eric Carle. As well as learning about different wild animals and the sound they make, children will be answering 'What?' questions and retelling the story using story language.

Our Dragonfly children will be reading **'Dear Zoo.'** They will be repeating phrases and filling in missing words.

You can watch a member of our staff reading the story on our website.

Wonderful Word of the Week: 'jungle'

Each week, we introduce our children to a 'wonderful word of the week.'
This week the word is 'jungle.'



Talk to your child about:

- What does a jungle look like?
- Who might live in a jungle?
- What sounds might you hear in the jungle?

Makaton Sign of the Week: 'sister'

Each week, we learn to sign a new word.

You can watch Mrs. Taylor sign it on our website (Learning Zone) so you can practice it with your child at home.

Poetry Basket: 'A Little House'

Every half term we learn 2 -3 short poems. This week the children will be reciting the poem, 'A Little House'.

Talking Tub

This week's talking tub and non-fiction books are about **'Tools.'**



Talk to your child about:

- What tools are in the talking tub this week?
- How do you use the tools?
- What do the tools do?

Focus Song

Each week we learn a new song. This week the song is **'Walking through the Jungle.'**

You can sing along with child at home by watching it on

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=plvY0quSyJg>

Our progression focus is:- sound songs

PSED

In PSED groups this half term, our theme is **'Managing Feelings.'** We will be learning about different emotions. We will also be learning about road safety.

Woodlands

Each week our 3-4-year-olds go to the Woodland area.

Our woodland sessions are:

Ladybirds - Wednesday

Bumblebees - Thursday

Caterpillars - Friday

We provide warm jackets, waterproof legwear, and wellies for each child, but please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather and have a hat and gloves in the cold weather.

Work is completed on our 'Wonderful Woodlands.' This week the children will explore the new areas; den building, reading hut, mud kitchen and construction area.

Masterclass

Each half term, our school leaver children participate in a Masterclass. This term's Masterclass is Art Classes. The children will be learning about famous artists and creating artwork in the style of the artist.

On the 18th March, we have a clay potter visiting nursery to make clay animals with the children and let them have a go on the potter's wheel! Look out for photographs on tapestry.

Enchantment

Children were very excited to start Ramadan and wanted to decorate the home corner. They have enjoyed making Eid crafts using their painting, drawing, sticking and scissor skills.

Attendance

The winners of our attendance this week is:

Morning Bumblebee - 95%

WELL DONE!

They will receive a certificate and look after our McMillan Monkey this week.

Morning Bumblebees 95%

Afternoon Ladybirds -93%

Morning Caterpillars - 90%

Afternoon Caterpillars 88%

Afternoon Dragonflies - 83%

Morning Ladybirds - 83%

Afternoon Bumblebees - 80%

Morning Dragonflies 80%

Please let the office know if you can not attend Nursery.

Home learning

Skill of the Half Term - To use the 5 steps to wash hands.

Our skill this half term, is to practise using the following 5 steps to wash hands.

- 1) *Push up sleeves.*
- 2) *Use an appropriate amount of soap.*
- 3) *Spend an appropriate amount of time washing hands.*
- 4) *Rinse off soap.*
- 5) *Dry hands.*

Please practise with your child at home.

Details have been sent home.

Homework Project

This term's project is 'Being an Artist,' *What different types of artworks can you create?* Details have been sent home. Thank you to all the children and families who have completed the project. You have all done super artwork.

Please can you complete this project by Thursday 28th March 2024.

Wellcomm

In Wellcomm Groups this week (Communication and Language) we will be learning before/after and long/short concepts. You could practise with your child at home.

Library

Each week the children take a library book home which you can read with them at home. Please make sure you return your library book each week.

Monday - Bumblebees

Wednesday - Ladybirds and Dragonfly

Thursday - Caterpillar

Thank you for returning your library books.

Snack Skill

In social snack time this week, our older children will be practicing how to 'pour'. This week we will be practising how to pour milk from a jug onto our cereal and water into a cup from a jug. You could practise this skill with your child at home.

Tapestry

Thank you for all your lovely contributions on tapestry. It is lovely to see what the children do at home. They love sharing it in Key Person time.

Letters will be sent home this week to parents who have not activated their account for some time. Please see Miss Shah in the office if you need any assistance.

Save the Date:

Our 'Stay and Play' Easter Egg Hunt will be on:

Morning: 10:00 - approx. 11:15 a.m.

Tuesday 26th March - Ladybirds

Wednesday 27th March -Bumblebees

Thursday 28th March - Caterpillars

Dragonflies- Wednesday 27th March 10:15 - approx. 11:30 a.m.

Afternoon: 1:45 - approx. 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday 26th March - Ladybirds/Bumblebees

Wednesday 27th March -Caterpillars/Bumblebees

Dragonflies- Wednesday 27th March 2:00 - approx. 3:15 p.m.

Details have been sent home.

Throughout Ramadan, we will be collecting food so we can make food parcels for our local mosque to take into the community. If you would like to donate a food item, please bring into Nursery and place in the box in reception.

Community information

The NHS are recommending all children to have their measles vaccination. More information about this, will be sent home this week.

Parking

For the safety of our children, can you please not park on the zebra crossing or white zig zag lines. The police having been patrolling the area.

Holidays

Easter holidays are from Friday 29th March - Monday 15th April. Children will return to Nursery on Tuesday 16th April 2024.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ms Cathy Stokes, Headteacher

