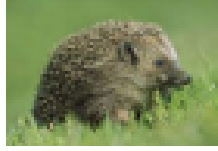




Reception Curriculum Letter Spring 2024 Thursday 21st December **Explorers!**



Hedgehog Class, Jaguars Class, Kangaroo Class

Our new topic is called Explorers!

During this topic we will become explorers. We will use our imagination to travel around the world. Our first destination is Antarctica.



Curriculum



During week 1 a penguin will arrive in our classroom. We will explore where penguins live. We will draw our own maps of Antarctica and will label key features using our phonics knowledge.



At home you can..

- explore Google Earth with an adult. What country would you like to visit?
- look at an atlas or globe. Explain that there are 7 continents in the world.
- talk about your home country. Where were you born?

English Communication and Language



In our first week of the Spring term, we will be learning about the life cycle of a penguin. We will learn about where penguins come from and how they grow into an adult. We will be acting out the life cycle and labelling their life cycle using our phonetic knowledge to help our spelling and forming our letters.



At home you can.....

- practise letter formation
- talk about penguins and their life cycle, 'egg, chick, adult'
- draw a picture of a penguin and talk about their characteristics

Maths



During week 1 we will be exploring numbers 6-10. We will be representing these numbers using concrete objects and through pictorial representation. For example, if the number given is 7, we would draw 7 circles. We will also be practising our number formation.



At home you can.....

- practise counting to 10
- practise number formation
- represent numbers to 10 using household objects

Dates for the term



Monday 8th January- Inset Day

Tuesday 9th January- Children back at school

Maths Learning Together Sessions

We would like to invite you to share learning with your child in the school environment in a Learning Together Session.

These are informal and fun and it is also a good way to meet your child's friends and their 'grown ups'.



We very much look forward to seeing you there!

Monday 22nd January 2024 - Hedgehog Class from 9:00am-10:15am

Monday 22nd January 2024 - Jaguar Class from 1:45pm-3:00pm

Tuesday 23rd January 2024 - Kangaroo Class from 9:00am-10:15am

To book on please click on the following link

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdTYkG7qvL7qHcy9VJhwBVWnGZh1EeX126LvR0SPPyI0lw6lQ/viewform?usp=pp_url

Reminders



Items needed for Mud Kitchen

We are collecting pots, pans and utensils for our Mud Kitchen. If you have any unwanted kitchen items please bring them to your child's class.



Home Learning

Holiday News

*Don't forget to return your Holiday News on **Tuesday 9th January**. We are excited to hear about all the wonderful things that you have done.*

Bug Club e-books

Don't forget to log into Bug Club online. New books have been uploaded today! New books will be uploaded every Friday.

Don't forget to re-read books in your child's library. Re-reading books is great to develop fluency when reading. This encourages children to read by sight instead of sounding out.



Maths Games

Today your child has received a new Maths game to play at home. This is to promote a love for Maths and to practise key skills in a practical way.

Games are handed out every **Friday**. *Games must be returned on Wednesday*. We cannot give your child a new game unless they return their previous game.

Small Schools Challenge

Your child has received their **small schools pack**. This pack stays at home until July 2024. A challenge will be uploaded on the newsletter every week.

This weeks challenge:

Re-arrange the Jumbled Sentence

In phonics we challenge our learners to re-arrange Jumbled Sentences. Can your child re-write this jumbled sentence? It should say- The cat in the hat.



cat The in hat. the

Thank you, the Reception Team

