



Ants Newsletter

Spring 2

Maths

We will be exploring, finding and making patterns. We will be walking and the environment and finding patterns in nature, matching patterns on socks and making repeating patterns with objects. This will be one step pattern. We will continue to count to 10 everyday and counting a set of objects as we are playing.

Communication, Language and Literacy

Listening with increased attention and focus, for longer periods. Follow instructions with 2 parts. Understanding positional language. Use a simple sentence when speaking. Use new vocabulary in different contexts. Use a question when talking with others.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Explore the feelings of happy, sad and angry. Discuss Mother's Day; What is special about our Mums/carers? How do they look after us? What kind thing could we do to show our Mums /carers how much we love them? Think about how it's OK that we're not all the same.; it's OK to be different. Explore healthy eating and exercise and how to look after our bodies and keep safe.

Phonics

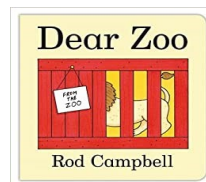
We are continuing to explore environmental sounds and learning how to make different sounds with our bodies. We are singing lots of nursery rhymes to help us hear rhyming words.

Parent and Carer Survey

We really appreciate the supportive and honest feedback parents have given us about their child's experience in Nursery and Reception. This newsletter is a response to some parents request for more information about what their child is learning at school. We hope this, along with invitations to come into school regularly, will really help to do that.

Focus Stories

Dear Zoo



English (linked to above focus stories)

Learn the meaning of new words. Talk about the characters and their feelings and actions. Learn to orally retell the story with actions. We will be exploring making marks in different media and moving our arms during squiggling.

Books and The World

We will be learning all about jungle animals and their habitats. We will look at the rainforest and how we can look after it and our local environment. We will look at different pets and how to care for them.

We will look and fiction and non-fiction books about jungle animals, such as Rumble in the Jungle, Monkey Puzzle and Hug.

Inviting Parents into School

We are hoping to reinstate inviting small groups of parents into school, on a Friday, to share your child's learning journey with you, your child and the class teacher. Please look out for details of this, in a text message, soon.

Punctuality Award

Thank you to all the parents and carers who are ensuring their child gets to school before 8.40am. It makes such a difference to the children's learning. Reception Elephants and Nursery Ants have both won a Punctuality Award so far because they have had the least number of children arriving late in a week.

Physical Development

PE is on a Wednesday, we will learn to throw and catch in different ways. We will continue to squiggle and dance to develop large movements in our arms and practise making these marks on the paper, ready to form our letters.