

Class One- Spring Overview

This term in Class One we will be exploring the topic **Colours of the World**. We will be reading stories about different creatures that live in the Rainforests and the Arctic, comparing their different habitats and how they adapt to their extreme environments. We will be looking closely at the impact of humans on our animal friends, focusing on the impact of global warming and deforestation.

In February, we will be having a visit from Sam`s Safari. This will be an opportunity for the children to meet some creatures close up and learn more about their natural habitats.

In Art we will be looking at the process of Printing. We will be experimenting with different techniques to produce a variety of different effects. We will be linking our final product back to our whole school theme Colours of the World.

How can I help my child?

Nursery will be working hard on their pencil control. We are encouraging the children to hold their pencil correctly and follow simple writing patterns in preparation for letter formation in Reception. Colouring activities at home are a great way to develop their fine motor skills.

We are continuing to work hard on our turn taking and sharing skills. This is something all the Nursery children find tricky. We are playing lots of different turn taking games and reinforcing what makes a kind and caring friend.

Nursery has become very busy this term, with many children now staying for their lunch. Please help us by encouraging the children to become more independent in their self-care routines. Going to the toilet, putting on their coats and shoes, eating with a knife and fork are essential life skills that we would appreciate your support with at home.

The **Reception** children will be continuing to learn lots of new tricky digraphs and trigraphs each week, and we will be working hard to apply our phonics skills to our writing.

In writing this term we will be looking at extending the children`s sentences to include joining words such as and, but and because. We will also be encouraging the children to work more independently on their writing, before going back and polishing their work, with a little teacher guidance.

We are continuing to reinforce correct letter formation, as this is something all the children need a little extra work on.

It is an extremely fast learning curve and any support you can give them at home with this will truly benefit your child.

In Maths we will be looking closely at the numbers 8, 9, and 10. We will be investigating their composition, finding one more/one less and using them to solve simple addition and subtraction problems. We will also be beginning to think about the concept of doubling and halving, using our skills to solve real life problems.

Your continued support is much appreciated. Please don't hesitate to pop in if you would like any further help or support.