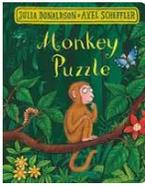


Reception

Spring 2 - 2026



● Our Brazil Adventure - Spring Half Term Topic

This half term the children will be setting off on an exciting journey to **Brazil** as we explore the wonders of the **Amazon Rainforest**. Through stories, discussions and hands-on activities we will learn about rainforest **habitats, ecosystems, climate and weather**, and discover the amazing animals and plants that live there.

We will also be comparing the **human and physical geography** of the rainforest with our local area of **Immingham**, helping the children to notice similarities and differences between the two environments.

Our **mystery book** for this half term is the much-loved **Monkey Puzzle** by **Julia Donaldson**, which will inspire our learning and support our **Geography** focus as we follow the little monkey's journey through the rainforest.

We are also very lucky to be welcoming a **special visit from Exotic of the World Encounters on 18th March 2026**. This will be a fantastic opportunity for the children to meet and learn about a range of amazing animals linked to our topic.

In **DT**, the children will become fruit designers! They will carry out simple **market research**, taste a variety of **exotic fruits**, and then **design and make their own fruit kebabs**.

Important Dates.

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day
Sunday 15th March - Mothering Sunday
Wednesday 18th March - Exotic Animal visit
Thursday 2nd April - Last day of term.



Please keep an eye out on 'My Child At School' app for messages and announcements of events happening in the term.

Maths



We will learn to:

- Recite numbers to 10, making sure they're in the correct order and begin to count past 10.
- Subitise to 10.
- Learn about Number bonds to 10.
- Learn about doubles and halves
- Learn to write simple calculations - $2 + 6 = 8$
- Learn about 2d shapes
- Learn about 3d shapes
- Learn to measure length and height
- Begin to describe a sequence of events, real or fictional, using words such as 'first', 'then...'
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The app 1 minute maths is free to download and will help build you child's confidence in maths.



Literacy

This term our **writing** focus text is the **Monkey Puzzle**. In our sequence of learning we will be learning to...

- Form letters accurately.
- Write simple captions
- Write simple sentences
- Write our names.
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The children will have daily opportunities for mark making and to further develop their fine motor skills through carefully chosen activities in continuous provision.

Reading at home

Please read with your child **at least 3 times a week**. Daily reading makes a huge difference to progress!



How you can support your child's learning at home...

- **Share our focus story** - read **Monkey Puzzle** together and talk about the different animals and rainforest setting.
- **Talk about weather** - notice and discuss the daily weather and compare it to the hot, wet rainforest climate.
- **Explore maps and globes** - look at where Brazil is in the world and how far away it is from the UK.
- **Try new fruits** - taste different fruits at home and describe their colour, texture and flavour.
- **Research together** - find out a fun fact about a rainforest animal to share with the class.
- **Encourage creative play** - junk modelling, drawing animals, or building a rainforest using toys and natural materials.

Thank you for your continued support - we are looking forward to a fun-filled half term of exploration and discovery!

Science and understanding the world.

We will...

- Learn about Spring and the seasonal changes.
- Plant seeds and care for growing plants. Understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant.
- Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things.
- Know that there are different countries in the world and talk about the differences they have experienced or seen in photos.