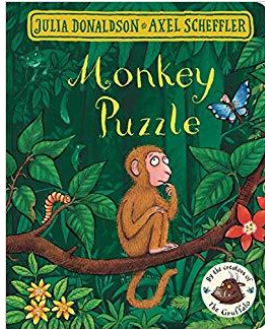


EYFS Newsletter Spring Term 2025

Welcome back! We hope you have had a lovely Christmas holiday and wish you all the best for a new year.

Reception key text this half term:



Monkey Puzzle
By Julia Donaldson

English – Reception

This text is a driver for our geography topic – The Rainforest

Our literacy sessions are largely based around speaking and listening skills, exploring language and making links to our rainforest topic. We are developing our ability to describe this half term, choosing words carefully to accurately explain what animals look and how they behave

Children will sequence events in this story, respond to a range of questions and retell the story in their own words. Children will then have a go at writing their own section of this story, writing words and simple sentences.

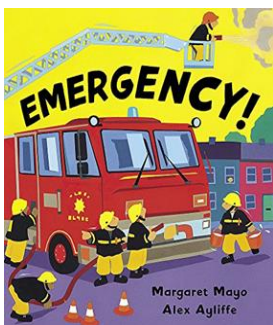
We will be looking more closely at non-fiction texts and will be planning and writing our own rainforest fact files later in the half term. We are expanding our vocabulary all of the time and taking advantage of any opportunity to learn new words!

Reading & Phonics Reception

This half term we are continuing with our learning of Phase 3 digraphs (sounds that have two or more letters). Our Monster Phonics friends will continue to help us learn new sounds by linking them to different colours and we will be practising reading both colour-coded and plain text words in class.

We will be having whole class reading sessions linked to a familiar traditional tale each week, which will focus on our digraph for that week.

Please continue to practise reading the monster phonics books and flashcards with your child at home as often as possible. Your comments about progress at home are very valuable to us, so please continue to fill out your child's reading record each week.



English – Nursery

In Nursery our first topic of the half term is 'People Who Help Us' and this is the key text we will use in our English lessons to drive the overall topic.

Children will discuss the key events in the story and sequence the events. They will join in with sound words and identify the rhyming words in the story. Children will then also think of their own ideas to add their own page about another emergency.

Reading & Phonics Nursery

We are continuing to work on phase 1 phonics which includes lots of listening activities that prepare children to read and write. These activities include listening and identifying sounds, copying sounds, identifying rhyme and rhythm, classifying different sounds, realising that words start with different sounds and spotting words that start with the same sound. We are also beginning to sound out simple words, e.g. c-u-p and blend them back together.

We are also learning to write prewriting patterns in regular Squiggle While you Wiggle sessions and developing our muscles for fine motor skills with Dough Disco.

Maths in Reception

This half term we are focusing on key mathematical skills of subitising (recognising patterns and arrangements of objects **without** having to count them) and composition. We will be exploring the representation and composition of numbers up to 7, thinking about how numbers can be combined to make new, larger numbers or split into smaller parts. We will be developing vocabulary linked to comparing numbers – more than, fewer than and equal to. Later in the term children will learn about doubles to 10 and odd and even numbers.



Maths in Nursery

In Nursery we will be continuing to accurately count objects, recognise and recognise numerals up to 4 and beyond and count aloud to 10 and beyond. We will be counting forwards and backwards to 10.

We will focus on the names of the days and can talk about our routines Children will also learn about different 2D shapes – naming and describing these.

Children will learn to use positional Language such as next to, on top, below, in front and behind. They will also describe volume using the vocabulary – empty, full, half empty, nearly empty, half full and nearly full.

Wider Curriculum – Reception

In geography we are learning about the Amazon Rainforest in South America. We will be exploring the world map and thinking about some of the features of the rainforest, including which animals live there, what the weather is like and other physical features.

In science we will be investigating which animals live in the rainforest and categorising these animals. We will also be focusing on seasonal changes in the winter and exploring the features of this season.

In art we will be looking at Rousseau's "Tiger in a Tropical Storm" and using different media to create our own versions of this famous painting.



Wider Curriculum – Nursery

Our topic this half term is People Who Help Us, where we will be learning about the names of different people who help us in our community, what they do and the vehicles and equipment they use. We will be learning about their uniforms and why they are special. We will also be learning about what to do in an emergency and how to get help.

We will focus on our local area of Hyde and will use a map to find places where people help us and identify logos on maps for places where we can get help – e.g. a doctor

Thank you for your continuing support.

Please look out for updates on Class Dojo and the MCAS app.