

Nursery
Spring 1
2022

Walkley Primary School Curriculum Newsletter

'Enjoyment, Achievement and Learning for life...'



Topic: Amazing Animals

The Big Picture

Our topic this term is one that the children always love 'Amazing Animals'. We will be sharing stories, songs and experiences of lots of different animals. We will also be extending our vocabulary by introducing and naming a selection of new animals; thinking about what they look like, where they live, what they eat and how they behave. We will be discussing the children's favourite animals and helping them to describe experiences they have had seeing and caring for animals themselves. As ever though in Nursery, our main focus will be having fun just being at school, continuing to learn the rules and routines and practising our social skills to get to know our friends a bit better.

Key Information and Dates

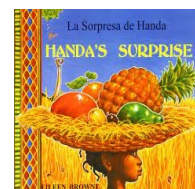
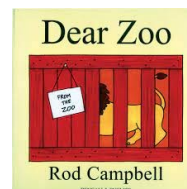
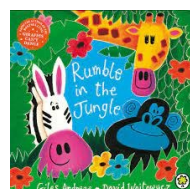
Forest School:
1.2.23, 2.2.23, 3.2.23

Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately on the days that we have Forest school.

It might be a good idea to check the weather forecast each day and a change of shoes would be great.

Communication and language

Class Texts:



Literacy Focus:

Our learning in Nursery is very much led by the key texts that we introduce throughout the topic.

As we explore these texts, the children will extend their vocabulary, learn to add description and detail to their speech and this will help us to extend our sentences when we are speaking.

We will also continue to explore mark making skills using a selection of different tools and resources and create opportunities for the children to practice recognising their own names.

Home Learning

At home please encourage your child to develop their independence. It would be helpful if the Elmers could practice putting on and taking off their own coats. Allow the children time to talk and share with others any exciting things they have been doing at home and try to encourage turn taking and sharing.

Thank You

Maths

Number	Numbers will continue to play a large part of our daily routines and play in Nursery. The children will see, play and experience numbers in all areas of the provision and all throughout the day. We will use our carpet sessions to come together and look at exploring and understanding numbers 1-3. Each week we will introduce a new number song which will be repeated throughout the week to allow the children to learn the song well. We will use a range of different games, resources and activities to allow the children to not only be familiar with the different numbers but to also understand what the numbers represent.
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Understanding the World

History	We will continue to share experiences and events that occur throughout the year looking at and talking about how these are celebrated or acknowledged by different families and in different ways. This half term it will link very closely to our Geography and the celebrations and traditions that have developed around Chinese New Year.
Geography	Our topic this term links very well with our Geography as we will be introducing the children to a different country—China. With Chinese New Year being towards the end of January we can use this opportunity to learn more about the Chinese culture and traditions around the New Year and the stories linked to the animals in the Chinese New Year calendar.
Science	In science we will begin to look for the signs of Spring; looking for new shoots, first flowers and changes in the weather. We will be providing experiences inside and outside the classroom for the children to ask questions, make observations, describe and discuss what they see.

Physical development

The children will continue to build up the strength in their hands through Dough Disco sessions.

There will be lots of planned activities both independent and adult led, aimed at giving the children opportunities to practice holding mark making tools and helping them to develop their fine motor skills.

We will continue to run, climb, ride and throw using the equipment in our outside space and participate in daily dancing/ Yoga activities at the beginning of each morning and afternoon session

Personal, social, emotional development

Our main focus this term will be Sharing. As a staff we will regularly remind and encourage the children to share with each other and practise this skill. We will also be providing opportunities for the children to practise this skill through games and activities.

We will continue to learn to choose and use resources that we would like to play with.

We will learn to become more independent.

Expressive art and design

The children will continue to develop their imaginations in the play.

They will be able to freely use junk modelling and a range of craft resources to express and develop their creativity and imaginations.

We will be looking at mixing colours to make new colours and shades and use a range of techniques to recreate different animal patterns.

Religious Education

This half term's RE theme is 'Celebrations' We will look at how different cultures celebrate New Years and also the celebration of Holi a festival celebrated within the religion of Hinduism.