



## Communication, Language & Literacy

This half term we will start focussing on different animals. Through discussion, books, and role play the children will be encouraged to use new and interesting language related to the animals and their habitat. The children will have different opportunities throughout the sessions to practise writing skills in a variety of contexts ('Story S', A3 clipboards on the carpet).

The children will also be encouraged to share and talk about their favourite animal stories. We will read a wide range of books such as: 'The Rainbow Fish', 'Peace at Last' and 'The Tiger who came to Tea'.

We will continue learning our letter sounds and the correct way in which to form letters when writing. We will have an extra focus on letter formation this half term and start applying our phonics knowledge.



## Animals and Sea Life



### Building Learning Power

Our learning muscles will be stretched this term as we focus on being an 'Absorption Alligator' by absorbing all the new information around us.

#### Absorption



Be an Absorption Alligator

### BASICS & Characteristics of Learning

This half term we will be focussing on the following two characteristics:



- Playing and exploring - being willing to 'have a go'
- Active Learning - enjoying achieving what they have set out to do

## Physical Development

This term we will be looking at the different ways that our bodies can move, such as shuffling, skipping and crawling. This will include ways in which we can move around the playground equipment, such as over, under, around, through balancing and climbing.



We will also observe the way our bodies change after physical activity.

## Personal, Social & Emotional

There will be lots of topic related discussions about people who help us within our community. We will be looking at how they help us and relate this to the ways in which we can help each other. Discussions will include ways in which we can keep ourselves and others safe, both in and out of the classroom and also beyond school.

We will also talk about going to big school, discussing what we're excited about and anything we may be worried about.



## Mathematics

This term, we are going to look at different ways that numbers can be represented. We will play various games to develop our mathematical skills. Children will be encouraged to recognise numbers beyond 5 and we shall continue adding and taking away small numbers from a larger group.

Through the use of songs and nursery rhymes, we will continue to practise counting, both forwards and backwards. In the role play area the children will have opportunities for counting and matching number to quantity.

## Expressive Arts & Design

Our role play area this term will be developing with our topic. We will have an under the sea themed role-play area, a vet and a jungle where children can discover the world of animals. Children will be encouraged to paint their favourite animal. We are going to make props for the displays with different materials and children will also act out stories by using their imagination.

We will initiate activities where children are going to use various construction pieces to build caves, trees and other 'houses' for their animal.



## Understanding the World

We will be looking at a range of different animals and their habitats. Where do these animals live, what do they eat and what are their features. We will look at the world around us in our Nursery garden. Can we see animals here? Have children ever seen wild animals? Children will develop their knowledge and understanding around this topic.

