Nursery Term 5

Animals

Dear Nursery Families,

Welcome back, we hope you all had a lovely Easter break. We are really looking forward to getting to know the children this term, creating lots of fun learning opportunities and hopefully being outside as much as possible.

This term our topic is all about 'Animals'. We will be exploring stories with animals in and the children will be learning about animals' different habitats and features alongside lots of other exciting

activities.

Some of the texts we will be looking at are:



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Below you will find some of the focus learning goals we will be working on this term through adult activities and play based provision.

Understanding of the World

- To explore different materials and notice changes between them, such as what sand feels like wet and what it feels like dry
- To begin exploring what different countries look like and differences through stories, role play and small worlds
- To think about different places animals live.

Animals



Mathematics

- Explore mark making linked to numbers through games up to and beyond 5
- To explore 2D and 3D shapes and how they are connected
- To play with numbers and songs with numbers that go forward and backwards.

Communication and Language

- To understand simple stories with use of the pictures
- To understand why questions such as 'why do we put our coats on when it's raining?"

Religious Education

- To explore what animals need to grow
- To know that animals are special

Physical Development

- To play and make up games in the garden with big objects
- To take part in activities linked to looking after myself e.g., brushing my teeth.

Expressive Art & Design

- To explore making their own small worlds using different materials such as wooden blocks and duplo
- To explore a range of instruments such as, xylophone, whistle, bells and wooden beaters
- To create art using paint and other materials.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- To talk about feelings and understand why, such as 'I'm happy because...'
- To show confidence transitioning from nursery to school, such as lunch time in the lunch hall and on the playground.

Literacy

- Talk about rhythms and rhymes and things they notice in stories, poems or songs
- Explore letters of their names, recognise their names and write it.
- To create our own stories.

Phonics

This term we will be exploring the sounds our names start with an exploring lots of objects, words and shapes of the following letters: R, H, U, B, F, L, M

Forest School

This term our forest school session is on **Wednesday 15th May**, if you would like to help with this session please let us know.

Useful Websites

www.ictgames.co.uk and www.topmarks.co.uk for Literacy and Maths games. Numberblocks Make and Play Game on CBeebies - CBeebies - BBC

Health and Wellbeing:

A little reminder if you have had to give your child medicine, please consider if they are well enough to attend nursery.

Pets & Animals

If you have any pets or animals at home or at grandparents, we would love to see them! The children can bring in some photos of the animals to share with our class!

Quick Reminders

- Please can you make sure your child brings in a <u>water bottle and spare clothing</u> everyday.
- Packed Lunches Just a reminder that packed lunches must be healthy and balanced.
 An example of this could include a sandwich/wrap/roll, a yoghurt, a piece of fruit/vegetables, crisps and a biscuit.
- School Dinners If you would like to order a school lunch for your child, please ensure
 that you have pre ordered using the online system. All school dinners are charged to
 the 'Parent Pay' app, so please keep an eye out to ensure all payments are up-to-date.
 Click here for a guide on how to do this <u>How to book meals and events Parent</u>
 Support (parentpaygroup.com)
- Nappies If your child is still in nappies, please can you provide nappies, nappy sacks and any creams they require.

We will be holding a parents evening in Term 6, however if you would have any concerns or worries about your child please do not hesitate to contact the nursery team on eh-nursery@pioneerfederation.co.uk to arrange a time to meet and talk.

Other Useful Dates:

April 2024

• 15/4 - Term 5 starts

May 2024

- 6/5 Bank Holiday
- 13/5-KS2 SATS
- 19/5 Family Fun Run
- 21/5 FGB Meeting
- 24/5 End of term 5
- 27/5 Bank Holiday

Thank you,

The Nursery Team







Mrs Hill



Ms Watson



Miss Osborn







