

Summer 2

Living Things/ By the Sea

Wow! How can we have reached the final half-term of Reception so soon? We will have a fantastic end to our school year, with lots of fun things ahead.

We will begin by continuing our topic of Living Things. Now we have learnt all about minibeasts, we will now base our learning around larger animals. In particular, we will discuss African animals, linking to the story of Handa's Surprise.

We will then move onto life by the seaside. This will include exploring the life of a pirate as well as discussing a range of sea creatures. We will explore the concepts of floating and sinking and may even have our very own treasure maps to follow! We will round the topic off with our much loved seaside day.

Summer 1

Living Things

We will learn about a range of living things including plants, minibeasts and animals. We will read many books which link to the topic, including, Jack and the Beanstalk, Superworm and Dear Zoo. This topic will also continue in next half-term.

English

We will continue to write a sequence of sentences and will incorporate story language into our writing. We will ensure our sentences begin with capital letters, include finger spaces and end with a full stop.

Maths

We will learn how to count forwards and backwards to help us to solve additions and subtractions. We will begin to recall doubles up to 20 and in turn half of these numbers.

We will consolidate our recognition of 3D shapes and will use mathematical language to describe them.

RE

In RE, we will be answering the question;

"Where do we live and who lives there?"

Spring 2

Traditional Tales

We will be reading a range of traditional stories in class, as well as some alternative versions. We will explore the different characters and will focus on story language such as 'once upon a time' and 'happily ever after'. Our key stories will be 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff', 'The Three Little Pigs' and 'Little Red Riding Hood'.

As part of this topic we will develop our scientific skills. We will explore the basic characteristics of materials to ensure the Three Little Pigs have a waterproof and windproof house. We will also be making bridges and investigating how we can ensure the structure is strong enough.

English

We will use our knowledge of traditional tales to further develop our sentence writing skills. We will begin to write a sequence of sentences and will begin to incorporate story language into our writing.

In phonics, we will be looking at the Phase 4 clusters. These 2 or 3 sounds which the children will recognise but they are blended together much quicker. For example, cl, gr and shr.

Maths

We will continue to develop our addition and subtraction skills throughout the half term. We will also investigate the concepts of doubling, halving and sharing in practical contexts.

We will discuss how time can be measured in different ways and will also recap our understanding of measurements.

Spring 1

Superheroes and Adventures

This half term we will be embracing our inner superheroes to complete a series of missions set for us. We will also read the fabulous stories of Supertato and help to protect the world from the Evil Pea.

Our learning will then take us on more adventures as we read the story of Aliens Love Underpants.

Maths

The children will continue to consolidate their understanding of addition and subtraction, including the use of the add, subtract and equals signs.

We will also learn the name of several 3D shapes and will begin to discuss their simple properties. We will learn all about money and begin to recognise the various coins and notes.

English

The children are now well on their way in learning their phase 3 sounds. These include digraphs (two letters which make one sound) and trigraphs (3 letters that make one sound). Please keep using Spelling Shed as we are seeing the positive impact of this in class!

We will now extend our writing on to writing simple sentences.

Hand to Mouth Day: Respect

Autumn 2

For the first week of this half-term, we have our whole school Armistice focus. We will base our learning around picture books and will be discussing the roles of both soldiers and animals in the war.

The children have already shown off their fantastic sewing skills and have each completed a poppy for our whole school display.

Magic and Sparkles

With lots of special celebrations on their way, including Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas, we will be focussing our learning around lots of colour, magic and sparkles. We will be reading the well-loved story of Elmer and will use the story to explore colour and pattern. We will continue our learning about colour by helping to make colourful potions for Winnie the Witch and will practise our Talk4Writing skills through the story, Room on the Broom.

As we move ever closer to Christmas, we will read the Jolly Postman, linking this into Christmas and Santa's workshop.

Maths

The children will continue to consolidate their recognition of numbers to 20. We will begin to complete simple additions and subtractions using objects and will become more confident to recall one more and one less than given numbers.

English

We will continue to consolidate our recognition and use of the Phase 2 sounds (s a t p i n m d g o c k ck e u r h b ff ll ss) before beginning to learn some of the Phase 3 digraphs (2 letters that

make one sound). We will practise reading and writing words containing these sounds and will begin to write simple captions and sentences.

Autumn 1

A big welcome to East Bierley! We cannot wait to get to know all of you and to kick start your learning journey at school.

This term is all about the children settling into their new environment. They will learn classroom routines, get to know their new friends and explore the classroom - both inside and out.

Our learning will be emerged within the topic of All About Me in which the children will find out about each other and learn about the different body parts and senses. They will also discuss people who are special to them. We will then move this topic forward to encompass the people who help us in the wider community such as the police, doctors and fire fighters.

Maths

The children will develop their recognition of numbers to 10, before beginning to recognise some to 20. They will also develop the ability to count amounts of objects reliably. We will also learn the names and basic properties of 2D shapes.

English

We will be introducing the children to letter sounds within phonics sessions, using the Jolly phonics songs to help us. The children will begin to hear the initial sounds in words and will begin to form recognisable letters, using our pre-cursive font.