

Acorn Class

Spring Two Curriculum Map

Rumble in the Jungle!



Mathematical development

This half term in Maths we will be exploring how to measure and compare length and height. We will also begin introducing the concept of time, linking it to our daily routines and the school day. We will continue to develop our number knowledge, with a particular focus on the numbers 9 and 10. In addition, we will explore the properties of 3D shapes, including cubes, cones, cylinders, spheres and cuboids.

Reading and writing

This half term in Phonics we will complete the teaching of the Phase 3 graphemes and continue to develop our knowledge of the Reception high-frequency words.

In Writing our learning will be based on the story *Handa's Surprise* by Eileen Browne. We will focus on writing sentences using our senses to describe the fruit in the story — what it looks like, how it tastes, what it smells like and how it feels.

We will continue to practise forming lower-case and capital letters correctly and using a full stop to mark the end of a sentence.



Personal, social and emotional development

This half term our PSHE topic is 'Keeping Safe'. We will be talking about what it means to feel safe and helping the children to identify trusted adults and their support networks.

The children will also begin to learn how to recognise and assess risk in different situations, as well as simple strategies they can use if they ever feel unsafe.

Communication and language development

This half term we will continue to develop our confidence when speaking in front of our classmates during circle time and carpet sessions. We will also broaden our vocabulary in English through our work with *Grandma Fantastic*, exploring new words and using them in our speaking and learning.

Expressive arts and design



This half term we will be exploring African art and experimenting with a variety of artistic techniques. The children will thread African-inspired necklaces, weave baskets, create fruit prints and paint their own sunset pictures.

In Music our focus will be on pitch. Alongside creating African musical instruments, the children will explore pitch through physical movement and by experimenting with their voices. They will follow simple graphic representations and use their voices to match the pitch appropriately.



Physical development



This half term the children will build up a repertoire of songs and simple dances. They will develop the confidence to sing and perform these dances as part of a group.

They will also learn to adapt and change each dance, thinking carefully about the mood and style, while developing a range of different movements to vary their performances.



Understanding the world

This half term we will be locating Africa on a map and learning about the variety of animals and their habitats within the jungle. We will also explore the climate, traditions and food of different African countries. This learning will be supported by our English focus on the story *Handa's Surprise*.

In R.E., we will be exploring the question, 'Why is Easter special for Christians?' We will learn about the Easter story and consider how we can help others when they need it.