Reception Spring Two Curriculum Map

Rumble in the Jungle

Mathematical development

In Maths this half term we will be exploring measuring and comparing length and height as well as introducing the concept of time relation to our daily routine and the school day. We will develop our number knowledge focusing on numbers 9 and 10 and will explore the properties of some 3D shapes such as 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 knowledge of the Reception high frequency words. In writing, we will base our learning on the story 'Handa's Surprise' by Eileen Browne. We will be focusing on writing a sentence using our senses, describing what the fruit looks like, how it tastes, what it smells like and how it feels. We will continue to form lower case and capital letters correctly and use a full stop to mark the end of a sentence.

Personal, social and emotional development

This half term our PSED unit is 'My Body and Growing Up'. We will think about changes that have happened since we were born both physically and emotionally and changes that are yet to come as we get older. We will focus on the fantastic things our bodies can do and explore how to keep ourselves safe and healthy.

Communication and language development

This half term we will continue to develop our confidence in speaking

in front of our classmates during circle time and carpet sessions. We will also continue to broaden our vocabulary using 'Grandma Fantastic' in our English lessons.

Expressive arts and design

This half term we will be exploring African art, using a variety of artistic effects. We will be threading African necklaces, weaving baskets, making prints with fruit and creating our own sunset paintings. Our Music focus this half term is 'pitch'. Alongside creating African musical instruments, the children will explore pitch by carrying out lots of physical movements and experiments with their voices. They will follow graphical representations and use their voices to match the pitch accordingly.

Physical development

In dance this half term children will build up a repertoire of songs and simple dances. They will be confident enough to sing and perform these dances in a group. They will also be able to adapt and change each dance, thinking about the mood and style, as well as developing a range of different moves to slightly change each dance.

Understanding the world

This half term our theme is 'Rumble in the Jungle.' We will be locating Africa on a map, learning about the variety of animals and their habitats within a jungle and exploring the climate, traditions and food within the country. This will be supported by our English focus on the story Handa's Surprise. In R.E. we will be finding out the answer to the question 'Why is Easter special for Christians?' where we learn the Easter story and consider how we can help others when they need it.