

### Literacy and Drawing Club:

We will continue to focus on developing our fine motor skills and writing through lots of fun activities. Our Busy Bee activities are a mix of fine motor games and writing activities focusing on letter/number formation and name writing.

In Drawing Club we will continue to focus on a new story or animation every week and introduce new vocabulary with exciting actions to help the children remember the words. The children will continue to develop their writing through the use of these passcodes and will be set challenging to segment the sounds in words and begin to write sentences using a capital letter, finger spaces and a full stop.

We will be encouraging the children to apply phase 2 and 3 sounds and tricky words in their independent writing during exploring time and working towards the Early Learning Goals.

### Understanding the World:

During this topic we will be learning about a variety of amazing animals across the six weeks. We will learn facts about different animals from non-fiction books as well as introducing the term 'habitat' and focus on a new habitat each week e.g. arctic, oceans, woodland, rainforest.

The children will also learn about lifecycles, practically focusing on the lifecycle of a bird, frog, plant and caterpillar.

We will be looking in our learning garden for different kinds of animals and minibeasts that live there. We will be making bird feeders and become bird spotters.

### Personal Social and Emotional Development:

We will be looking after our outside learning environment by taking care of different plants and animals.

The children will also be supported in thinking about their learning: What am I really good at? What would I like to get better at?

We will continue to focus on taking turns and being a kind friend to others.

### Communication and Language:

We will continue to learn new vocabulary during Drawing Club sessions and have opportunities to retell stories using props in exploring time. We will also be learning new songs, poems and rhymes.

Children will take part in circle time discussions and will have the opportunity to share their thoughts and listen to others.

### Physical Development:

Our PE lessons this half term will be taking part in Didi rugby session with a specialist coach. The children will be taught by a specialist coach focusing on developing fundamental movement skills and improving balance, agility and hand-eye co-ordination.

We will also continue to develop children's fine motor control and gross motor through planned activities in exploring time and handwriting sessions focusing on lower/upper case letters and number formation.

### Mathematics:

During the next half term we will continue to develop our understanding of addition and subtraction as well as doubling and learning about number bonds within 5 and 10.

We will start 'Number Bond of the Week' sessions to help children see how numbers link and develop their ability to recall number bonds independently e.g.  $3+2=5$   $6-1=5$

We will also continue to learn about 3D shapes: cube, cuboid, sphere, cone, cylinder, triangular prism. We will be learning how to identify them and start to describe their properties e.g. faces and edges.



### Expressive Arts and Design:

We will continue to develop techniques linking to painting, drawing, printing and collage through planned activities that children can self-select during exploring time.

Children will also have the opportunity to use a variety of materials to create 3D animals and their habitats.