

Early Years: Summer 2017 'Setting Sail on our Learning Journey'

Physical Development

- Pencil hold and letter formation
- Preparing for Sports Day
- Using woodwork tools to create new models
- Use small apparatus to develop control as we throw and pass the ball

Expressive Arts and Design

- Creating art in response to The Carnival of the Animals
- Making large animal sculptures
- Responding to music and responding through dance

It's a Wild World

Mathematics

- Exploring addition and subtraction by counting on and back to find the answer
- Use money to solve practical problems involving addition and subtraction
- Solving problems involving doubling, halving and sharing

Understanding the World

- Looking at the features of animal environments
- Comparing animal habitats
- Using cameras to take photographs of their learning

Communication and Literacy

- Writing sentences and creating non-fiction fact files
- Reading and spelling regular and irregular words
- Writing a recount of their trip to Woburn Safari Park

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Explore our Characteristics of Learning through our Learning Heroes
- Recognising our feelings and emotions as we explore the story book 'The Colour Monster'
- Preparing for transition into Year One

Early Years

Summer Term 2017

The spring term has been very busy and it has been wonderful to see the children progress on their learning journey in Early Years. Our new theme for the summer term is called 'It's a Wild World', where we will be investigating different animals and their habitats. To kick start our new theme, we will be taking a walk to Pets at Home to explore familiar pets and reptiles. We will take this opportunity to find out what pets need and how best to look after them. As a follow up to our trip, we will develop our sentence writing skills by using the information that we have learned to write fact files.

Throughout the term, we will be making close observations of mini-beasts in our classroom and in the outdoor environment. We will be nurturing our own butterflies and see how they develop from a chrysalis into a beautiful butterfly. To enrich the children's learning, we will be spending the day at Woburn Safari Park. This will provide a wonderful stimulus for the children's recount writing.

We will continue to have lots of exciting learning opportunities including STEAM week, where we will be busy developing our planning and problem solving skills. During our Welly Wednesday sessions, we will be exploring the grass area and looking at ways that we can improve the environment. In mathematics, we will be practically exploring sharing and halving through 'The Door Bell Rang' book. We will develop our understanding of addition and subtraction and apply our skills whilst exploring money in the 'Great Pet Sale' book.

Our PE lessons will continue to be on a Tuesday. Please can you ensure that all PE kit is named and that long hair is tied back. In order to support your child's reading, please continue to regularly listen to them read their school book and enjoy a variety of books for pleasure.

Key Dates for your Diary:

Pets at Home walk	Thursday 20 th and Friday 21 st April 2017 – Provisional Date
R Hepworth class assembly	Friday 28 th April 2017 at 2.45pm 2017
Trip to Woburn Safari Park	Tuesday 16 th May 2017
Transition Days into Year One	11 th , 12 th , 13 th July 2017