

Key Texts:

Our stories/texts this term will be in line with our theme of carnivals.

- Fiction – Amah Faraway by Margaret Chiu Greanias
- Poetry – There's an Orangutan in my Bedroom – James Sellick
- Non-Fiction – The Nature Kid's Guide to Orangutans

Literacy and Phonics:

Phonics – It has been lovely getting to know Penguin class this week. Pupils will be engaging with the Read Write Inc scheme at their respective levels. Our daily sessions will include sounds, mark making, ditties and short stories as appropriate to your young person.

Literacy - Each story will involve a sensory experience with associated props! We are especially looking forward to "There's an Orangutan in my Bedroom" and associated activities. We will then be taking part in immersion and imitation tasks to demonstrate our comprehension of the story. Pupils will also engage in mark making, copying/tracing keywords from the story, developing their tripod grip, practising typing, describing what is happening in a photograph from the story using colourful semantics and retelling the story through answering questions.

Problem Solving and Reasoning:

Our primary focus in maths will be number and place value. Within this we will explore; matching, representing numbers and place value itself. We aim for our maths learning to have a physical grounding with concrete resources and practical tasks to make the activities real for our young people.

Towards the end of term we will spend time exploring calculation. This may involve very simple investigations e.g. one more on a tower, or could involve using physical resources and our knowledge of place value to support 2 digit addition. As the weeks progress we aim to cover a several calculation symbols i.e. add/subtract/multiply/divide.

Asian Countries – Become an Eco Warrior e.g. Borneo and Orangutans

Penguin Class



How you can help at home:

- Please support our maths You could tape a '10-frame' to the floor with masking tape to count and solve simple calculations with teddies or by counting ingredients in the kitchen.
- Please continue to work on ILP targets. These should have been shared with you at your young person's last EHCP meeting. Please continue to read with your young people at home. There are read-write-ink related resources accessible online at 'oxford owl'. You can use this website to access ditties, books and sound/blending challenges relevant to your young person. Let us know in the home-school diary if you would like further input on this.

Other Curriculum areas:

Theme (Geography) – We will be comparing and contrasting our locality to Asian countries. This will involve sensory experiences and will link to our literacy stories.

Science – In Science we are exploring different weathers and seasons and comparing them. The second part of the term we will be experimenting with melting and freezing liquids. We are going to make our own ice cream and conduct a chocolate experiment.

PSHE – In PSHE we will start by thinking about our likes and dislikes at home and at school. Pupils will engage in a carousel of activities with opportunities to communicate their preferences. We will then progress to thinking about kind or unkind actions.

Careers – Careers this term is focused on 'Independence and Responsibility'. Pupils will undertake and practice jobs within the classroom and around the school e.g. washing up, watering plants, wiping tables, and cleaning windows.

Art – During this term we will be using natural resources to create different art pieces related to our topic. The children will be creating mud and water paintings, using different tools to make elephant silhouettes.

P.E. – In our weekly PE sessions this term, pupils will be focusing on golf and swimming through a range of different activities.

D&T - In DT this term we are making smoothies, using tropical fruits, and noodles with vegetables. We will be practising skills such as threading and using different materials to make a bridge.

Music – Our focus this term is listening and responding to music. Pupils will have the opportunity to explore a range of Asian music including with a live performance from 'Taiko Meantime' Japanese Drummers.

Highlights:

- Halloween Party – Thursday 22nd October
- Parent Consultation- 14th October
- Music 'Flood Week' beginning 21st September