

Stories and songs:

This term Macaw class will begin to listen to lots of different songs as a part of our daily routines. This will include different action songs including "Shake your sillies out" and "The jungle animal dance".

This term we will also be exploring lots of different stories related to going back to school, our theme of The Amazon Rainforest and understanding our emotions. This will include; *Pete the Cat Rocking in his School Shoes* by Eric Litwin, *Rumble in the Jungle* by Giles Andreae and *Slowly Slowly said the Sloth*.

Literacy and Phonics:

In Literacy, pupils will develop comprehension and writing skills through sensory activities linked to our class stories. Pupils will explore story props, role-play jungle animals and take part in sensory activities, responding to questions about what they can see, hear and touch. We will use Colourful Semantics to answer questions and build sentences about pictures, characters and events from the stories. We will continue to follow the Read Write Inc. (RWI) Phonics programme. Pupils will practise learning speed sounds, blending sounds to read words, exploring books and developing letter formation.

Problem Solving and Reasoning:

Number and Place Value:

This term, pupils will develop counting, number recognition and number sequencing skills through practical and sensory activities. Pupils will match numbers to quantities and explore different ways that numbers can be represented.

Calculation:

This term, pupils will develop their understanding of quantity by comparing groups using language such as *more*, *less*, *same*, *different*, *greater than* and *fewer than*. Pupils will also explore subitising, find the difference and solving simple addition problems using a range of different concrete resources such as bears, bricks and favourite toys.

Hot countries: The Amazon Rainforest

Macaw Class



How you can help at home:

- Involve your child in cooking to practise counting, measuring and following instructions
- Count together during play, such as counting the cars they push or the toys they collect.
- Share a story and talk together about the pictures and characters.

Other Curriculum areas:

Geography:

This term, pupils will explore different types of weather and learn which clothing is appropriate for different conditions, such as rain, sunshine and cold weather. Pupils will identify familiar places around school using photographs and simple maps and compare hot and cold countries by exploring the animals, weather and clothing associated with each environment through sensory trays, dressing up and matching tasks.

Science:

This term, pupils will explore different types of weather and seasons, identifying features such as sun, rain, wind and snow. Pupils will also investigate a range of materials, using their senses to compare their properties and observe changes when materials melt and freeze.

PSHE:

Pupils will explore the Zones of Regulation, learning to recognise and identify emotions in themselves and others, including feelings linked to the green, blue, yellow and red zones. They will also learn simple online safety rules and explore strategies and tools that can help them regulate their emotions and make positive choices.

Cooking/ D.T:

We are practising lots of different key skills this term such as spreading, chopping and grating as well as using different appliances.

Art:

Pupils will get stuck into our jungle theme by creating a range of jungle animals using different media and materials. This will include making paper plate snakes, clay butterflies, printed lions..

PE:

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

Highlights:

Parents Evening –14th October

Phase 1 Theme Celebration Day –

Halloween Party -