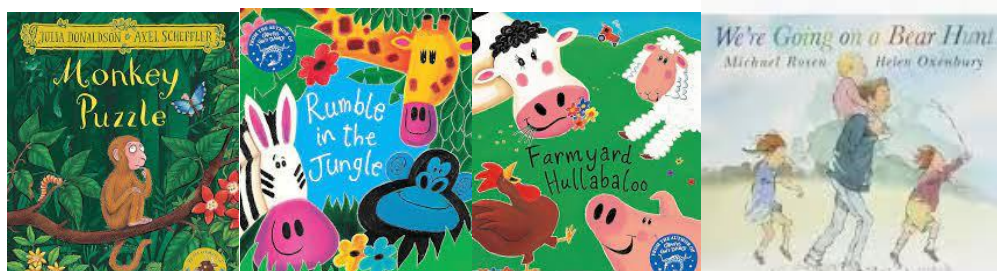


Pre-school

Summer term 1 : All about animals

Big Question: Can you have a lion as a pet?



Physical Development

We want all our children to develop their gross and fine motor skills. Practising bouncing a ball to each other, building a cushion tower and going on the swings at the park are examples of building core gross motor strength.

To develop your child's fine motor skills allow them to explore different writing medias, such as thick crayons and chalk. Practising mark making in sand, flour and even paint is a fun way to build those muscles required for writing.

Name writing – Please use the RWI sound mat in the pack to practise name writing. We encourage children to write their name using a variety of media include paint, chalk and thick felt tips.

Communication and Language

Speaking and listening is the foundation to all learning. Having conversations about your child's day, discussing seasonal changes and talking about their favourite book are all great ways of developing quality conversations.

This term consider:

Looking at photo's of holidays either from the UK or abroad and discussing differences in places. Talk about the journey, the length and different transport you took to reach the destination. Discuss where you stayed and how it is different to your home in Leicester. Use a globe or World map to locate the destination.

Ask your child what they remember about the weather and what clothes they wore compared to the clothes they wear every day for School. Share with your child, what your favourite parts of that holiday were and then ask your child their favourite parts. Draw a picture of this and bring to school to share!

Home learning ideas

Create a plant using any artistic media (collage, paint, draw, junk model) – label the parts of the plant ; seed, stem, leaf, petal, flower and root.

Cress sandwich – harvest the cress and make a sandwich or salad. Take photos or draw a picture of this to share at school.

My dream pet – Draw a picture of what your dream pet would be and bring it to school to share. Would it be a cuddly cat or an enormous elephant? How would you take care of your pet? What would it eat? Where would it sleep?

Personal, social and emotional development

This term we will focus on the core principles :

- **Empowering choice - We are kind to all**
- **Strengthening interconnection – We care for and respect all life.**

Remember to go onto our school website for key calendar dates. Remember to log on to your child's Espresso account to access their learning pad and a wealth of learning resources.