



## Spring 2 Half Term Information for Parents Nursery

Happy children aiming high.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. We hope you had a relaxing half term and enjoyed some pancakes! This information sheet tells you about the theme being followed for this half term and which subjects are being linked to it and those which will be taught separately. We hope that you find it useful.

**Themes:** Spring 2—Down in the Jungle

### **Cross curricular links:**

**Literacy:** This half term we will be looking at the books Rumble in the Jungle, Dear Zoo, Monkey Puzzle, Elmer and Walking through the Jungle. We will talk about characters and plots and retell stories with puppets and props. We will offer opportunities for mark making as well as activities to enable children to use their developing phonic knowledge.

As part of our Read Write Inc activities we will continue to look at letter sounds and the corresponding hand writing rhymes.

**Communication and Language:** We will provide opportunities for children to discuss the books we read and predict what will happen next. We will play listening and attention games and help children to listen to and engage with their peers. We will learn new and different vocabulary as part of our jungle topic.

**Understanding the World:** This half term we will be learning about the jungle and the different animals that live there, a topic we will have lots of fun with! As part of this we will use the internet to find out more about different animals and their young and plan a jungle expedition.

We will also discuss signs of Spring and what children can see change around their house. Children will continue to have access to our Interactive White Board to engage in activities and build up independence when using technology.

**Expressive Art and Design:** Nursery will continue to build on the songs that we enjoy singing by adding songs about jungle animals. After listening to the noises jungle animals make we will be using percussion instruments to sound like jungle animals— a fun and noisy activity this half term! We will use our time in the hall to follow different music programmes and move in response to music. Messy play will help us to explore and introduce narratives into our play.

**Physical Development:** A variety of funky fingers activities will help children build strength in their fingers and hands for writing. Playdough and scissor skills activities will often have a jungle theme to help children develop control when using tools. Moving like jungle animals will provide opportunities to move in different ways.

**Mathematics:** We will look at the camouflage of jungle animals and try to recreate the patterns as well as exploring the sizes of different animals and comparing them to how tall we are. We will find out the sizes of jungle animal feet. Jungle themed numbers will enable us to play counting, number recognition and missing number games as well as practical calculation activities.

**Personal Social and Emotional Development:** We support children in engaging in activities and sharing resources with others as well as helping them to keep play going by listening to the ideas of others. We will help children gain independence by giving them small jobs to do.

### How can you help?

- Ensure your child is in school on time and ready to learn-8:45 for Nursery.
- We always enjoy hearing about your child's achievements, big and small! Trying a new food, climbing to the top of the slide in the park, sleeping all night in their own bed. .Wow stars are displayed at the entrance to Nursery, please fill these in and they will be stuck into your child's Nursery Book. This will help build a record of their achievements in Nursery.
- Activities to try at home-draw a long and a short snake, can you colour them in a pattern? Sing 5 little monkeys jumping on the bed!

### Class Reminders

Please help us by naming clothing, particularly jumpers and coats.

We will be outside every day so your child needs a warm coat.

World Book Day is Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March

Don't forget Mother's Day Lunch is this half term.