

Kerr Mackie Primary School Reception



Term: Autumn 1

Our Project Theme: The Jungle

We would like to welcome all of our Reception pupils and their families to Kerr Mackie Primary School.

Personal, Social & Emotional

A key part of our learning this term we will be helping children to settle into the Reception environment. We will be supporting children to make positive relationships with staff and other children. We will also be encouraging children to become more independent and to explore their surroundings.

On Mondays the children can share their weekend news. This will be an opportunity for children to develop their own voice and develop confidence speaking within a group.

We also have weekly Circle Time sessions where the topics will vary depending on any issues needing to be discussed e.g.; sharing and turn taking, having kind hands and words, stranger danger, health and safety and learning about the wider world.

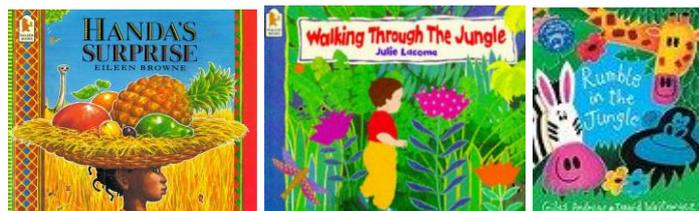


Communication, Language & Literacy

The children will start to develop their confidence in talking to others and will be encouraged to build up imaginative role plays in the home and jungle role play areas. We will be sharing things we like and dislike, finding out about and discussing, both jungle animals and jungle life.

We would like to share some photographs of our Nursery children and their families. Please send in a family photograph that we can display in nursery.

Children will begin to learn stories using an approach called 'Talk for Writing'. Each day they will retell a story using actions. The stories which will be introduced this half term are: *'Handa's Surprise, Walking through the Jungle and Rumble in the Jungle'*



Children will be given opportunities to develop their writing skills for different purposes both inside and outside.

Mathematics

Much of our learning in maths is through songs, rhymes and games. This half term in Number we will be learning to:

- Recite numbers in order to 20 and beyond.
- Count random objects up to ten accurately.
- Counting objects 1:1 to 20.
- Select a small number of objects when asked and recognise the numeral to match.
- Ordering numerals to 10 and beyond.

The children will be taught that anything can be counted including claps, jumps etc.

There will also be lots of opportunities to make and explore pattern and shape. Please encourage your child to find 2D and 3D shapes in the environment such as square windows, circle clocks and cuboid cereal boxes etc.

Understanding the World

We will be finding out about all aspects of our natural environment and how that compares to a jungle. We will be looking at where jungles are, what lives in a jungle and what you would need to survive there.



In technology we will be using the interactive whiteboard to access different games and stories.

Later in the term the children will be given login details for Mathematics and Reading Eggs.

Expressive Arts and Design

Children will be encouraged to use different materials, they will be practising safely using scissors to cut and join materials to make pictures and models.

The children will also be making a special interactive jungle book which they will make collaboratively as part of our Project Based Learning.



Physical Development

Children will be encouraged to move freely and with confidence in a range of ways. To negotiate space successfully and travel around, under, over and through by balancing and climbing on the equipment outside.

Playdough and our 'Finger Gym' activities will be used to develop children's fine motor skills, which will help them when they are ready to write. We always make playdough with the children. If you would like to make playdough at home, you can find our recipe in the school's nursery entrance.

The children will be encouraged to become more independent in putting their own coats and clothes on.

The children will be expected to be able to undress and re-dress themselves after PE sessions. Help with zips and buttons will be given where necessary however the children will be encouraged to have a go by themselves.

Reception Routines

Doors open at 8:45am and will be closed at 9:00am. We do politely ask that all parents have left the classroom by this time. At the end of the session doors are opened at 3:15pm and all children must be picked up promptly. After 3:30pm children will be taken to the office and can be collected from there.

You can help by:

- Please write your child's name in every part of their uniform including their shoes.
- Playing with your child at home and promoting sharing skills and turn taking.
- Encouraging your child to independently dress themselves, including practising fastening buttons and zips.
- Remind your child to say please and thank you when asking for things.

Home learning:

- Practise recognising and writing their name.
- Practise recognising numerals 0 to 10.
- If your child counts objects, encourage them to touch each item.
- When spelling words with your child, model and encourage them to say the correct letter sound. If unsure of these, please do not hesitate to come and ask us to demonstrate.
- Enjoy sharing story books with your child and encourage a love for reading.

Helpful links;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xGpsVmWLRFA> – Jolly Phonics Phase 2 video – this will show you the first sounds we teach and how to pronounce them correctly.

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=Geraldine+the+giraffe – Geraldine the giraffe has videos that will support you child with their phonic learning.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e0dJWfQHF8Y> – Number song – this will help your child recognise and put the numerals in order.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yIvQOab00OQ> – Days of the week song – this will help your child correctly order the days of the week.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5enDRrWyXaw> - Months of the year song – this will help your child correctly order the months of the year.

PE:

In response to the children's needs and learning, P.E. will take place when necessary so please ensure they have their P.E. kit in school at all times. These can be kept on pegs in the cloakroom. Please ensure you label all of your child's clothing with their full name and class.

Food and drink:

Please ensure your child has a bottle of water in school every day. A healthy snack will be provided for your child in school.

Finally, we would like to thank all parents/carers for your help and support in this first term of Reception. If you have any questions please ask a member of the Reception team.

Teachers: Miss K. Brown and Miss A. Fox

Support teachers: Mrs. M. Shillito and Miss V. Smithson