

Dear Parents. I hope you all had a wonderful, restful Easter holiday. Our new topic for this whole term is ‘*Explorers and Adventures*’ where we will be learning about dinosaurs, minibests, recycling, pirates, the jungle and Africa (all suggested by the children themselves). Important dates this half term is: • **Sports Day 23rd May** • **Our PE sessions will be on a Tuesday afternoon this term** • **Please make sure your child brings in their book bag every day.**

Thank you, Miss Boor

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- Talk about Dinosaurs food choices. Are any of the children vegetarians?
- The changes that have happened to our world since that time
- Talk about the changes that happen before and after a caterpillar makes a chrysalis
- Are we ready for C2? Look for independent skills
- Talk about Father’s Day – why do we celebrate it?
- Looking after our planet – why is it important?
- Understanding different cultures and lifestyles
- Talk about endangered animals and charities that raise money to help look after animals around the world

Communication and Language

- Using ‘power’ words to describe animals
- Talking about different cultures around the world
- What noises do we think Dinosaurs made?
- Have you been to a museum and seen Dinosaur bones?
- Various role play areas linked to the learning in the classroom

Physical Development

- Weekly swimming lessons
- Funky Fingers activities
- Weekly letter and number formation practice
- PE units: (Summer 1) Dancing Dinosaurs and (Summer 2) The Seaside
- Develop fine motor skills—scissor and pencil control
- Move like whales, waddle like penguins, slide/shuffle like seals, pounce like polar bears
- Whole school Sports Day – 23rd May
- Weekly forest school sessions

Explorers and Adventures Topic Map Summer Term

Mathematics

- Number formation weekly
- Counting activities with jungle animals/objects- adding/taking away/doubling/halving/ sharing
- Sharing food between animals
- Animals went in 2 by 2- counting in 2’s.
- What time is it Mr Wolf? - o’clock activities
- 3D shape activities- properties
- Weighing out drinks for different animals (capacity)
- Sorting by size/weight.
- Measure how far animals travel-distance
- Securing the children’s knowledge and understanding

Literacy

- Writing a recount of their Easter holiday.
- Labelling a dinosaur
- Finding the rhyming words in Tyrannosaurus Drip
- Writing dinosaur facts
- Writing a dinosaur egg story to explain the arrival of dinosaur egg in the classroom
- Ordering the butterfly life cycle
- Creating recycling poster for the school
- Writing our version of the Snail and the Whale story
- Using ‘power’ words to describe different jungle animals
- Writing jungle information texts
- Focus books:
 - Tyrannosaurus Drip
 - Harry and his bucket of Dinosaurs
 - Gigantosarus
 - Caterpillar Butterfly
 - Superworm
 - Why should I recycle?
 - George saves the world by lunchtime
 - The Snail and Whale
 - Handa’s Surprise
 - Meerkat Mail

Understanding the World

- Recycling Week – looking after our environment
- Weekly forest school sessions.
- Making volcanos with bicarb and vinegar
- Caring for class butterflies
- Making a bug hotel
- Science Day – looking at fish with magnifying glasses. Making boats out of different materials. Making rainclouds
- Learn how village life in rural Africa differs to life in Whiteshill

Expressive Art and Design

- Go to the jungle- what can we see/hear/smell/feel?
- Paper plate animal masks
- Learn mini beast themed songs and add instruments/dances to songs
- Making dinosaur poo with salt dough
- Making dinosaur skeletons out of pasta
- Making sunset African pictures
- Focus artists:
 - ‘The Snail’ by Henri Matisse.
 - Henri Rousseau
- Junk modelling – making our own flower pots
- CD fish – The Rainbow Fish
- Making our own paintbrushes out of natural materials
- Wax resist pictures
- Recycled jelly fish