

Literacy

Reading

It is important that children have their book bag in school each day so we can hear your child read. During the term, we will be giving your child a homework scrapbook with some project-based tasks in. We would like to see the scrapbook back in school on the last week of term. We will also be adding a tricky word pack in bookbags over the course of the year. We will add a non-decodable word each time we learn one in phonics. It would be great if your child can practice recognising and spelling them at home.

We will be focusing on the books *The Colour Monster*, *Rumble in the Jungle*, *Dear Zoo*, *Handra's Surprise*, *The Tiger who came to tea*, *Elmer* and *The Ugly Five*.

In Phonics, we will be focusing on using our 'listening ears' to hear environmental sounds, building up to hearing sounds in words. We will also be focusing on rhyme and alliteration. We will then begin to learn phase 2 sounds and high frequency words (tricky words) and teach the children to blend and read by sounding out letters in a word and hearing the word. E.g. c-a-t. Cat.

Writing

We will be supporting children to pinch their pencil and no longer hold their pencil using a whole hand grasp. The children will be completing lots of fine motor activities throughout the year to develop their finger muscles, to support them to write. This term we will be encouraging children to make marks using paint, chalks, sticks in the mud, tracing in sand and with pencils. We will be focusing on name writing and forming recognisable letters for initial sounds of objects and names.

Mathematics

In Maths, we will be heavily focusing on ensuring all children use **1:1 touch counting** when counting objects. This means that they touch each object and assign a number name to each object as they count. This basic principle will support them with their counting throughout the year until they become confident enough to subitise (identify the amount by sight).

As a school we follow White Rose Maths. This term we will be focusing on matching and sorting objects to 5. We will compare amounts and compare size, mass and capacity. We will also be making simple patterns using objects and 2D shapes.

Key Representations

