



Summer 2022 2nd Half Term – Reception

Can you believe we are in the final term already? This year has flown by with your little ones but we still have so much exciting learning and exploring planned for our final term.

Last term, the children learnt about Hilltop First School, our local area and Windsor town. We have been so impressed with their learning as they've learnt about road signs, what is in our local area and to finish off the topic, we've learnt about our Queen. It was wonderful to see the children coming into school dressed as their favourite Letterland character for the 'Letterland Coronation.' Thank you to all parents for making the effort for this event.

This term, our topic is '**Animals.**' Each week, we will be learning about different animals and focusing on a story linked to these. We will be learning about British woodland animals, birds, nocturnal animals, bugs and pets. We look forward to hearing the many stories from the children on what they have seen in their gardens, the park, forests and at home and we can't wait to develop their knowledge of animals further.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

As the children will be moving to Year 1, this term we will encourage them to develop connections with one another across the two classes and with Year 1 adults. We will also be visiting the classrooms and playing on the big playground.

Communication & Language

As we will be reading stories about animals, we will be encouraging the story to recall events of these and recall facts about the animals we have learnt. We will also encourage the children to ask questions about what they would like to know.

Physical Development

The children have been enjoying developing their gross motor skills but this term, we will be challenging them to hop on one leg to encourage balancing, pedalling and skipping using their hands and feet together. We will also be playing games which encourage hand and eye coordination such as tennis.

Literacy

We will be supporting the children in using their phonics knowledge to write sentences independently in preparation for Year 1. The children will be writing about animals and parts of a story. We will also be continuing to learn new sounds such as, 'cl', 'bl', 'br', 'cr' and many more.

Maths

This term the children will be consolidating their learning on number and shape. We will be encouraging the children to show some understanding of reasoning and explaining by our use of questioning.

Understanding the World

This topic is all about understanding the world and how animals compare and differ. We will look at the transition from birth to adulthood in animals, habitats and understanding what nocturnal means.

Expressive Arts

As the children have learnt so many skills on how to attach materials together, we will be encouraging them to do this independently and selecting their own ways in constructing a model. This will include using PVA glue, masking tape and many others.

Reminders for this half term

- ★ Song & Rhyme will continue to take place on Wednesday mornings from 8.40am-8.50am.
- ★ Monday 4th July – Sports Day
- ★ Friday 8th July – Grown Ups in Golden Time
- ★ Tuesday 19th July – Summer picnic party
- ★ Wednesday 20th July – Last day of school finishing at 1.00pm
- ★ We have a high number of unnamed jumpers and cardigans in lost property. Please ensure you child's clothing is fully labelled as the names have disappeared on the clothing since the beginning of the year.

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