



Reception Curriculum Newsletter- Spring 2 2024.

Dear parents and carers,

We hope you had a good half term.

A gentle reminder, please could you make sure that your child is only bringing water into school. Topics and key texts may change as the term goes on as we endeavour to follow the children's interests but the skills and knowledge we teach them will be the same. Our topic this term is creatures. We will be looking at a variety of creatures, including dinosaurs and monsters.

Please could we ask, that you are reading with your child at least twice a week and that it is recorded in their reading journal. Please bring these books into school every day. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes,

Miss Hall, Miss Yong, Mrs Bannon, Mrs Herbert, Mrs Liebmann, Mrs Harvey and Miss Tustain.

Reminders

PE lessons are on a Tuesday.

Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on this day and that it is named. Please ensure long hair is tied back.



Library – Your child will bring home a library book every Friday. Please return each week so that they can select a new one.



Follow us on Twitter (@HighwoodSchool) where we will be sharing the excellent learning that happens at Highwood.

Communication and Language

We will be reading many stories and learning new vocabulary associated with the creatures.

We will also be introducing new vocabulary around keeping healthy and life cycles. We will be doing lots of speaking and listening activities.



Physical Development

During our PE lessons we will be developing our ball skills.

We will also be continuing to develop our fine motor skills so that we are ready for writing.



Home Learning

Please see the home-learning grid for some fun activities you can do at home with your child to consolidate their learning.

Take some time to look at your child's library book together. Encourage your child to talk about the pictures.

Home learning is due in on Tuesday and will be handed back on a Thursday.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

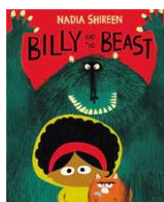
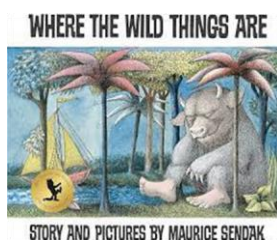
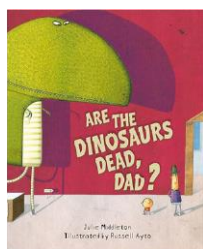
In Reception we will be continuing to develop friendships within our class and be talking about the Highwood golden rules. We will building on our previous learning and practising our skills in turn taking and sharing ideas.

Jigsaw Jenie will be helping us to talk about how to stay healthy. We will be looking at eating healthy and how to keep fit. We will also be discussing why it is important to wash our hands and keep clean.



Literacy

This term we will be focussing on different creatures. We will be using lots of story language and new vocabulary. Here are some of the books we may cover.



Mathematics

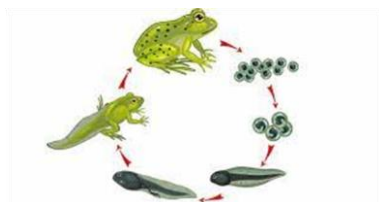
In maths, we will be looking at our numbers from 5-10. We will be exploring the composition of these numbers, the different parts added together to make the numbers.

Also looking at patterns within the number system such as, odd and even numbers.



Understanding the World

We will be thinking about the lifecycles of plants and frogs. Hopefully, we will visit the pond and see if we can find any tadpoles.



We will be thinking about different festivals and celebrations including Ramadan, Easter and Mothers' Day.



We will be looking at different creatures including dinosaurs. We will be finding out more about them and investigating fossils.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be learning about Henri Matisse. Exploring collage. Looking at his paintings and making our own versions.



We will also be looking at dinosaur fossils and creating our own versions of this, using salt dough sculptures.



Request for donations

We constantly strive to improve our outdoor learning environment to make it more engaging and exciting for our children. We would be grateful for donations of any of the following that you may have and no longer need:

- Seeds, soil, plant pots and any gardening tools
- Out of date/unwanted bags of flour that we can use to make play dough
- Cardboard tubes from kitchen roll or wrapping paper (not toilet rolls)
- Buttons, ribbons, milk bottle lids



While being voluntary the Early Years Fund is very much appreciated. From it we buy lots of little extras such as ingredients for making play dough and cooking activities. It is £7.00 each term. Payments can be made electronically through the School Gateway. If you need help with setting up this app, please speak to somebody in the office.