

Communication and Language

- Listen attentively and respond to what they hear with relevant questions, comments and actions when being read to and during whole class discussions and small group interactions.
- Make comments about what they have heard and ask questions to clarify their understanding.
- Hold conversation when engaged in back-and-forth exchanges with their teacher and peers.
- Participate in small group, class and one-to-one discussions, offering their own ideas, using recently introduced vocabulary.
- Offer explanations for why things might happen, making use of recently introduced vocabulary from stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems when appropriate.
- Express their ideas and feelings about their experiences using full sentences, including use of past, present and future tenses and making use of conjunctions, with modelling and support from their teacher.
- Join in with 'Friend on Friday', 'Show and Tell' and 'Learning Log'.



Literacy

- Demonstrate understanding of what has been read to them by retelling stories and narratives using their own words and recently introduced vocabulary - Whatever next story.
- Anticipate (where appropriate) key events in stories.
- Use and understand recently introduced vocabulary during discussions about stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems and during role play.
- Say a sound for each letter in the alphabet and at least 10 digraphs - Phonics and reading.
- Read words consistent with their phonic knowledge by sound-blending.
- Read aloud simple sentences and books that are consistent with their phonic knowledge, including some common exception words - Sight words practise.
- Write recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed - Sea creature facts and shopping list.
- Spell words by identifying sounds in them and representing the sounds with a letter or letters.
- Write simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others - Rainbow Fish story/space shopping list.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Show an understanding of their own feelings and those of others, and begin to regulate their behaviour accordingly.
- Set and work towards simple goals, being able to wait for what they want and control their immediate impulses when appropriate.
- Give focused attention to what the teacher says, responding appropriately even when engaged in activity, and show an ability to follow instructions involving several ideas or actions.
- Be confident to try new activities and show independence, resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge.
- Explain the reasons for rules, know right from wrong and try to behave accordingly.
- Manage their own basic hygiene and personal needs, including dressing, going to the toilet and understanding the importance of healthy food choices.
- Work and play cooperatively and take turns with others.
- Form positive attachments to adults and friendships with peers.
- Show sensitivity to their own and to others' needs.



Up Above and Down Below (Robins)

Our Up Above and Down Below topic will be split into two themes. The beginning part of our topic continues with our 5 Oceans. We will look at life under the sea with a focus on science and the natural world. The children will discover exciting sea creatures, research facts about them and explore their habitats. This will be supported by our Under the Sea Marine Biologist tent. They will continue to learn about plastic pollution and find out about the roles people play in researching and protecting our ocean habitats. We will look at the Rainbow Fish story and invent our adventures whilst creating our own Monet seascapes and sea creatures. We will be learning about the celebration of the Queen's Birthday and St George. Our second theme of our topic takes us to outer space with a science and geography focus. The children will explore the 9 planets in our Solar System and find out fun facts and experiments relating to gravity, craters and phases of the moon, day and night and create our own star constellations. We will learn facts about famous Astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin who landed on the Moon and Tim Peake who stayed on the International Space Station.

Our exciting Forest School commences on a Tuesday afternoon for the whole of the Summer Term. One group will take part in Forest School this half term and the other will take part in PE. This will alternate in Summer 2 term.

Our Houghton Highlights will look at (1) Understand how to care for our environment, (2) Introduce and practise riding a balance bike and (3) to make Star Biscuits.

Our maths activities, arts and crafts and even our PE lessons are themed around our fully immersive topic to inspire and engage the children. Look at some of the things we will be learning to do.....

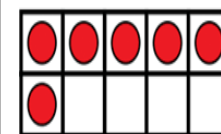
Physical Development

- Negotiate space and obstacles safely, with consideration for themselves and others.
- Demonstrate strength, balance and coordination when playing.
- Move energetically, such as running, jumping, dancing, hopping, skipping and climbing.
- Hold a pencil effectively in preparation for fluent writing - using the tripod grip in almost all cases.
- Use a range of small tools, including scissors, paintbrushes and cutlery.
- Begin to show accuracy and care when drawing.



Maths

- Have a deep understanding of numbers to 10, including the composition of each number.
- Subitise (recognise quantities without counting) up to 5.
- Automatically recall (without reference to rhymes, counting or other aids) number bonds up to 5 (including subtraction facts) and some number bonds to 10, including double facts.
- Verbally count beyond 20, recognising the pattern of the counting system.
- Compare quantities up to 10 in different contexts, recognising when one quantity is greater than, less than or the same as the other quantity.
- Explore and represent patterns within numbers up to 10, including evens and odds, double facts and how quantities can be distributed equally



Expressive Arts and Design

- Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function.
- Share their creations, explaining the process they have used.
- Make use of props and materials when role playing characters in narratives and stories.
- Invent, adapt and recount narratives and stories with peers and their teacher.
- Sing a range of well-known nursery rhymes and song
- Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others, and (when appropriate) try to move in time with music. "Zoom Zoom Zoom".



Understanding the World

- Know some similarities and differences between things in the past and now, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.
- Understand the past through settings, characters and events encountered in books read in class and storytelling.
- Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps.
- Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants.
- Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.
- Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.

