

Prime Areas of Learning

Big Question:
“Are all animals the same?”

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- Developing self-confidence, positive learning attitudes & an emotional literacy.
- Learning to manage their own feelings, personal needs & behaviour
- Encouraging healthy lifestyles
- *Weekly PSED lesson: Building Relationships: My Family and Friends.*

Communication & Language

- Developing Oracy skills through discussions & games
- Chatting & weekly ‘Show & Tell’
- Listening to, enjoying & responding to a variety of topic related stories & rhymes
- Lots of role-play opportunities inspired by stories and our experiences!
- New vocabulary linking to our topic

Physical Development

- Developing their gross & fine motor skills
- Learning to handle equipment, tools & pencils effectively
- Weekly ‘Funky Fingers’ activities
- *A weekly PE lesson with PE coach Matt Tanner, focussing on fundamental movement skills.*

Specific Areas of Learning

Literacy

- Key Texts: New Life themed fiction and non-fiction books
- Literacy lessons & guided writing opportunities
- Independent early writing opportunities throughout provision, inspired by our key texts
- Book sharing, story CD’s & one-to-one reading
- Continuing to develop phonological awareness through rhyme
- Daily phonics using Phonics Bug: Phase 3 and 4
- Systematic sequencing of letters, sounds & formation
- Developing blending and segmenting skills
- Beginning to write simple captions and sentences.
- Daily story time

Class One
Summer Term 1 2026
“New Life”



Mathematics

- Enjoying number rhymes, songs & games
- Exploring & applying maths practically through play including role-play and daily classroom routines
- Exploring number, measure, shape & spatial thinking
- White Rose Maths: 3D Shape - Pattern
 - Identify more complex patterns, copy & continue patterns
 - Patterns in the environment
- White Rose Maths: To Twenty & Beyond
 - Building numbers beyond 10
 - Counting patterns beyond 10
- White Rose Maths: How Many Now?
 - Adding more & taking away
- White Rose Maths: Sharing & Grouping
 - Explore sharing & grouping. Even & odd sharing
 - Play with and build doubles

Characteristics of Effective Teaching & Learning

Active Learning

- Being involved & concentrating
- Maintaining focus
- Persisting with an activity

Enrichment Opportunities
Trip to Stover Wildlife Park.

Creating & Thinking Critically

- Having your own ideas
- Finding ways to solve problems

Playing & Exploring

- Finding out & exploring
- Engaging in open-ended activities
- ‘Can do’ attitude

Understanding of the World

- Past & Present
 - Explore life cycles & time passing
 - Compare photographs of past & present May-Day celebrations
- People, Cultures & Communities
 - A weekly FaB lesson: Which places are special & why?
 - May Day celebrations - past & present
 - Explore different environments: Woodland, Lanscove Village & London as capital city
 - Build familiarity with key maps - UK
- The Natural World
 - Weekly Outdoor Explorers
 - Observing seasonal change:
 - Spring/Summer
 - Clever caterpillars, fantastic frogs & busy birds
 - Marvelous minibeasts
- Additional - opportunities to use ICT

Expressive Arts & Design

- Observational drawings/paintings of bluebells
 - Van Gogh inspired Sunflowers
- Exploring colour mixing
- caterpillars & symmetrical butterflies
- Vet surgery role-play
- *Kapow Music - Musical stories*