

Potten End C of E Primary School

Reception Curriculum Newsletter- Spring 1 2024



Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a nice break.

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 Amazing animals, we will be doing lots of learning around animals.

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. Once you have been read twice at home, they will be changed on a Thursday. Your child has also started to receive RWI resources, such as handwriting practise, folders and books, please return these folders to school daily. Please look out for more, in your child's book bag, to support your child at home.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes,

Mrs Hall, Mrs Paton & Miss Sturgess

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 Thursday. Please return each week so that they can select a new one.



Follow us on Twitter (@PottenEndSchool) where we will be sharing the excellent learning that happens at Potten End .

Communication and Language

We will be reading lots of stories, learning new vocabulary associated with animal themed books.

Our topic this term is amazing animals we will be using lots of vocabulary associated with this. We will be encouraging children to ask questions to find out facts and information.



Physical Development

During our PE lessons we will be developing our jumping skills and landing safely. Also we will be practising balancing.

We will also be continuing to develop our fine motor skills so that we are ready for writing. We will be developing our gross motor skills by negotiating space when on the wheeled toys in our outdoor area.



Home Learning

Please see google classroom 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

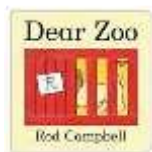
In Reception we will be continuing to develop friendships within our class and be talking about our classroom rules. We will building on our previous learning and practising our skills in turn taking and sharing ideas.

Jigsaw Jenie will be helping us to talk about our dreams and our goals. We aim to be resilient learners and stay motivated when things get a little bit tricky. Jenie will help us develop these important skills.



Literacy

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



We will also be continuing to learn to read, write and recognise new sounds in phonics.

Mathematics

In maths, we will be looking at matching numerals to quantities within five. There will be a particular focus on counting and finding one more or fewer than a given number.



Understanding the World

In February it is Lunar New Year, the year of the dragon. We will be learning about how people celebrate it.



We will be doing lots of learning based around animals. Looking at where they live, what they eat and their body parts. We will be comparing and asking lots of questions about them.



Expressive Arts and Design

We will be learning about Paul Klee and will be practicing our drawing skills.

We will also be designing our own homes for the animals we learn about using a range of construction.



This term we will be listening to music of different cultures and learning how to move to the music in different ways.



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:

- Cause and effect toys e.g. windup toys, push and go toys, party blowers, pop up toys
- Out of date/unwanted bags of flour that we can use to make dough
- Any out of date vinegar, shaving foam, cornflour
- Spare clothes

