



A warm welcome back to school to children and parents for the final summer half term. This newsletter will update you on your child's areas of learning for the rest of this term and offer more ideas for activities that will support this learning at home.



Our main books for this half term. The key learning areas are animals and their individual characteristics, and imaginative story-telling and writing. We will also be exploring links to various areas of science.

Literacy...

This term we will be reading a traditional tale from Ghana called 'The Leopards Drum', as well as the superhero adventure 'Traction Man'. Through our cross curricular approach, we will be exploring different countries and cultures, as well as looking at animals and their similarities and differences. We will be role-playing, sequencing and story-telling and story-writing. Encourage your child to practise their handwriting whilst writing words, sentences, lists or stories. Ask them to read their sentences using finger-pointing to check if they make sense. Did they use capital letters and full stops?

Maths...

Practise counting in threes by touching head, shoulders and knees for each number. Then whisper the head and the shoulder touch, only saying the knee number out loud. Before you know it, you're counting in threes!

Support your child to learn about weight using the packaged food in your kitchen. Help them find the weight written on the pack and feel how much it weighs. Can your child sort a collection of cans and packets from lightest to heaviest? Can they use the words 'lighter' and 'heavier' to compare two items?

Science...

This term we will be learning how to investigate and answer scientific questions and record the results of simple science tests. We will do this whilst exploring push, pull and motion forces and looking at the life cycles and characteristics of different creatures. We will perform tests after trying to predict the result, and learn how to observe closely and explain the science behind what we have seen. We will do this in fun ways, for example by making balloon-powered cars and racing them across the playground, before explaining why the cars moved so fast!

Topic work...



Playing a djembe drum.

Thank you for bringing in junk materials from home. The children had great fun making a forest out of all these recyclable materials.



Now that summer is here, why not use public transport to explore places further afield such as the larger parks in central London, museums or city farms. Most of these are free to enter!

It is important that your child changes their reading book regularly. Please ensure that it is brought into school in their reading folder. Spend time together encouraging your child to read or talk about the pictures and question their understanding by asking them to predict what will happen as the story unfolds. Books are expensive to replace—please look after them so that the next child may enjoy them and learn from them.