



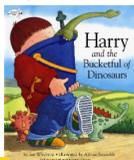
Your child was re-assessed just before half term and everyone is making super progress! They will continue to access daily phonics sessions which are matched to their current phonics knowledge and skills. These targeted groups ensure maximum progress is made throughout the year.

Please continue to read with your child as often as possible, aiming for at least four times a week. Your children will all be bringing home either a RWI 'take home' book, 'Ditty sheets' or 'wordtime words' and these are the materials we would like you to focus on please as they are matched to their learning that week.

Please ensure that these reading materials are in your child's zippy pack every day so that we can be flexible in when we read with your child.

Write Stuff

Most children are now confident to record the sounds they can hear in words they want to write during our Write Stuff sessions. This term we are focussing on putting our word ideas into a sentence, learning to 'hold a sentence' independently to write each word in turn. Here are the texts we are focussing on this term, linked to our topic:



Our topic this half term is: **Spring to life!**

**Topic learning**

This half term our learning will centre around New Life, leading to Easter.

First we will spend two weeks learning all about dinosaurs, then we will learn about farm animals and their young before moving onto minibeasts and lifecycles and finish with our RE focus.

We will be learning about different species, their features, their young and their habitats.

Want to help?

- Read fiction and non-fiction books with your child about dinosaurs, farm animals and minibeasts.
- When reading non-fiction, encourage your child to answer questions and explain what they have found out.
- Can you hunt for minibeasts or even make a bug hotel in your garden?
- This is a lovely website you could use to explore facts about the different creatures we are learning about this half term: www.dkfindout.com/uk/

Maths

This half term we will continue to use 'Numberblocks' to support our learning as we meet 8, 9 and 10.

We will focus on the number bonds for each number (the different combinations which total each number) and continue with addition and subtraction up to 10.

We will also focus more on developing the children's understanding of how to record their findings using either pictures, diagrams or numbers on paper or a whiteboard.

Aside from our number work we will learn about and practise using correct vocabulary to explain and compare weight and height. The children will be introduced to the names of 3D shapes (cone, cylinder, sphere, cube, cuboid, square based pyramid) and explore the similarities and differences between them.

PE

This half term our PE sessions are as follows:

- Mondays—Outdoor PE—focus on ball skills.
 - Fridays—Gymnastics—focus on travelling safely over, under and through apparatus.
- Long hair should be tied back for all PE sessions, and earrings covered with medical tape before coming to school.

RE

In RE this term we will be looking at the theme of 'New Life.'

We will explore symbols of new life, recap our learning about how dinosaurs, birds and minibeasts which hatch from eggs and then learn about the Christian story of Easter and how this relates to new life.