



Lemurs Curriculum Newsletter

Week Ending - 28.03.24



Dear Lemurs Parents and Carers,

This term seems to have flown by and we are already at Easter! We have had so much fun exploring all things 'Spring' and seeing our bean plants grow and grow. Everyone should now have taken theirs home so please do try and keep them going for us and you can update us on their progress on tapestry or in your child's wow book.

Thank you to everyone who has been able to make a parent consultation meeting over the last week or so, it was so lovely to be able to catch up with you all and share the amazing progress that children have been making! As always, if you have any questions about their learning or anything else please don't hesitate to contact me.

You should hopefully have all received information about our upcoming trip to Godstone Farm. Please remember to make your payment once it becomes available on Arbor. All payments should be received by 2nd May at the latest. Thank you to those who have offered to help on the trip - I'll be picking names out of a hat and will be in touch soon!

With the weather (hopefully!) warming up, please ensure that children are bringing a water bottle into school each day as we want to ensure they are drinking enough throughout the day. Please do also send in sunhats if we are forecast a dry day as our outside area gets a lot of sunshine in the afternoon!

Lastly, we would like to say goodbye and good luck to Nola who will be starting her new school after Easter. We have loved getting to know her in Lemurs Class and would like to wish Nola and her family the very best of luck for the future.

Thank you for your continued support, we hope you have a wonderful break!



Maths



Last week in Maths, we were learning all about 3D shapes. We learnt to recognise and name 3D shapes including cubes, cuboids, cylinders, pyramids, spheres and cones and we enjoyed a shape walk around the school to see what 3D shapes we could find. We also used the shapes for printing to see the 2D shapes they make and tested them to see which ones could be stacked and which ones can roll!



This week we have been working on our understanding of repeating patterns and have begun to look at some more complex patterns where two or more items are alternated

(e.g. AAB, ABB and ABC patterns). We've also looked for patterns in the environment and made our own repeating patterns on Easter eggs and with natural materials.



Home Learning: Help your child to spot 3D shapes in the environment and name them. Practise creating repeating patterns using different objects or when out and about over the holiday.

Phonics



This week we have been recapping all of the Phase 3 sounds and tricky words we have learnt so far. We have been reading words with plurals (s/es) and -ing at the end such as torches and waiting.

 tail in the rain	ai	 sheep in a jeep	ee	 a light in the night	igh	 soap that goat	oa
 hook a book	oo	 zoom to the moon	oo	 march in the dark	ar	 horn with a horn	or
 curl the fur	ur	 wow owl	ow	 being being	oi	 get near to hear	ear
 chair in the air	air	 a bigger digger	er				

Home Learning: We have decided not to send reading books home over the Easter holiday but have instead sent home a booklet of phonics activities for children to complete if they wish to. Please send any completed booklets into school when we return. Thank you.

Literacy / Understanding of the World

We have now concluded our enquiry question for the term which was 'How do things grow?'. We loved listening to different versions of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and seeing our beans grow up to (and beyond!) our castles. We have enjoyed keeping our bean diaries and have been writing short sentences to show how they have changed each week.

Not only have we thought about how plants grow, but we have also been thinking about how people grow from babies into adults and how animals grow. We looked at the life cycle of a hen and ordered the stages from the egg being laid to the chick hatching and growing into an adult.



This term in RE, we have been thinking about special times and the children have enjoyed learning more about Easter and the reasons why it is such a special time for Christians. We have also recapped what we know about the festival of Diwali and learnt about the Jewish festival of Sukkot.

In PSHE, we have focused on the topic 'Healthy Me' and children have enjoyed thinking about how we can stay healthy including making sure we exercise, eating a range of different foods and making sure we get enough sleep! The kitchen staff have even had us trying different vegetables at lunch time!



Have a lovely Easter break!

Mrs Richardson & Miss Tait 😊