Trafalgar Infant School

Curriculum Information – Summer 1 Topic: Living things

Literacy

Key texts: Animal babies, non-fiction texts, The Tiny Seed, On the farm.

We will continue to enjoy listening and responding to a range of exciting stories about the world around us.
We will continue to use Little Wandle to learn letter sounds digraphs, trigraphs and tricky words. We are learning longer and compound words.
We will continue to take home our phonics reading books so that we can practise our phonics, word recognition, prosody and comprehension skills both in school and at home.
We will be taking home some sharing books to read with our grownups, this will include our library books!
We will continue to practise our handwriting so that we can form a range of lower case letters correctly. We will learn to start our sentences with a capital letter and finish them with a full stop. Please use Little Wandle information that you will find on the e-school.

Mathematics

We will be counting beyond 10.
We will learn number bonds to 5 and then 10, with the aim of being to instantly recall these facts.
We will be selecting, rotating and manipulating shapes to develop spatial awareness and reasoning skills.
We will compose and decompose shapes and be able to recognise that shapes can have other shapes inside them.
We will continue to explore the composition of 10.
We will be comparing numbers.

Prime areas of learning

Communication and Language:
This half term we will be developing our understanding that we need to use our words when problem solving and to maintain relationships in the classroom and playground. We will continue to increase our attention and concentration spans at carpet time and during focus activities.

Personal, social and emotional:
We will be continuing to work hard and build constructive and respectful relationships with our friends and teachers. We will continue to learn to express our feelings and consider the feelings of others during our class circle times.
We will learn the importance of using kind words and ways in which we can be a good friend.

Physical development:
We will continue to revise and refine the fundamental movement skills we have already acquired: including running, jumping and climbing.
In the morning, the children will continue to have access to a movement class, where they improve their gross motor skills using balance boards, scooter boards and the wall bars. Daily, we develop our fine motor skills using scissors, playdough, tweezers and a range of tools for writing.

Expressive arts and design

We will be exploring and refining our skills to create a variety of artistic effects including close observational drawing, printing and spiral patterns.
We will be learning about a significant female figure this half term and recreating her art work. Marianne North is a famous botanical artist and you can view her art at Kew Gardens!

Understanding the world:

This half term we will be learning all about our new class pets… some chicks! We will be waiting for the eggs to hatch and then watch the chicks grow. We will identify parts of their body and their life cycle. We will also be looking at mini-beasts and making our own fact file about our favourites! Also, we will be learning about the life cycle of the dandelion plant.

This half terms key vocabulary: adults, grow, hatch, young, change, metamorphosis, life cycle, habitat, days of the week, bean, beanstalk_adults, mate, grow, incubator, seeds, sunlight, mountain, ocean, desert, autumn, winter, spring, summer, snow, wind, rain melted, roots, stems, leaves, bud, flower, petals, plant, weed, weather, shadow, chick.

What you can do to help: Please hear your child read their phonics book daily to help them practise their phonics and tricky words. Use the resources on the e school to support all areas of the curriculum. Look at the local environment and make observations. Look at numbers in the environment with your child, on buses, doors, prices and clocks! You can also play board and card games to help to develop social skills, in particular turn taking.

Class Teachers: Mrs Macreadie Miss O'Connell Miss Pembrey