

# Curriculum Newsletter

## Reception Term 4 2023/2024

### Readers and Writers

This term, we will be revising our Phase 3 sounds in Phonics. This includes reading and writing short sentences and practising our common exception words. Please see your child's Sound Book to check our revised sounds for the week and see my past videos on Dojo for how to pronounce them.

Our topic at the moment is Animals. Every 2 weeks we will be learning about a new story with different types of animal characters.

These books are:

- Walking In The Jungle
- Old Macdonald
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar

This leads into our book writing and our mark making around the classroom.



### Mathematicians

In this term we will be learning more about our numbers to 10. We are learning how to see the smaller numbers inside them, (composition), when to recognise how many objects are in a set, (cardinality), and how to recognise an amount without counting, (subitising).

We will be learning how to do this through songs, using objects and lots of games in our maths lessons. We also practise number games and learn how to be independent with our number knowledge during child-led-learning.

We are also learning about shapes and patterns during our Friday maths lessons.



**BRISTOL  
ZOO  
PROJECT**

**TRIP**

We are so excited to be joining Year 4 and going to The Bristol Zoo Project on the first week of Term 4, (22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024).

Please make sure that your child has:

- A warm / water proof coat
- A water bottle
- Sensible shoes for walking

Please let us know if you require a packed lunch for your child for this trip.

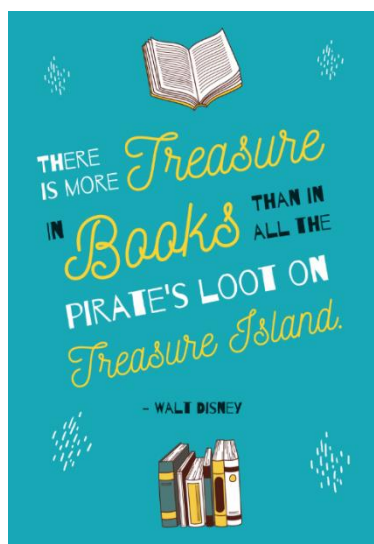
The trip costs £13- please pay this to the school office.

We are very excited and will be doing lots of special learning in the days before the trip to fully prepare for it!

## PE

In PE this term the children will be continuing to learn about spacial awareness and how to control their bodies. We have been learning to move in different ways and how to work together as a team.

Our PE club is on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon with our coach. Many thanks for continuing to dress the children appropriately for PE, (and for the cold weather!) They love wearing their PE t-shirts under their jumpers!



Please listen to your child read at home 5 times per week. This is the most important thing you can do to support learning at this age. Just 10-15 minutes per day makes a big difference!

Your child will also be read with twice a week with a teacher at school as well as during daily phonics sessions. Feel free to keep the paper versions of our books at home for your child to keep practising and enjoying .

Have fun reading together!

Yours Sincerely,  
Miss Webb