



Ruby and Sapphire EYFS learning Overview - Spring A 2021

Communication and Language

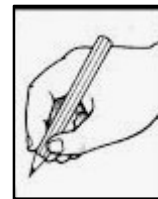
Through a range of wonderful books, stories and related activities we aim to encourage children to extend their vocabulary by finding out about new and unusual animals. We will be asking children to act out or recreating their favourites as well as listening and responding to each other's ideas while they play.



Physical Development

Knowing how to keep ourselves safe and healthy will naturally continue to be a priority this half term.

We will also be keeping fit with Joe Wicks and Mr Baxter and possibly Cosmic Yoga as well. In PE lessons we will become experts at controlling small balls using our hands and feet! We will also be showing how to hold a pencil effectively to form recognisable letters.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We are starting the year thinking about what makes each and every child special and what their strengths are. Each child will set themselves a new goal to strive towards, such as learning to write their name, to ride their bike or even to count to 100! We would like to encourage every child to try something new and not be afraid to make mistakes.



Animals

Mathematics



We will introduce zero; compare numbers and find out the different ways we can make them. E.g. 2 lions + 3 lions make 5 lions and 1 lion + 4 lions also makes 5. We will also be compare mass and capacity. In our play we will explore the weight of different objects, compare heavy and light as well as discovering which containers holds the most or holds less. Finally, shopping with money.



Understanding the World

Children will learn about similarities and differences between themselves, animals and other living things. We are very excited to be working with Wood Green animal shelter who will be delivering some online sessions about dog safety and how to care for our pets. We will also be thinking about where we live and comparing animals we see in England to animals we might find in different countries.



Expressive Arts and Design

In music we will be focussing on listening to music including – Carnival of the Animals we will also explore and play our own music.

In art we will continue to experiment with colour, texture and form through paint and sculpture and model making.



Literacy

We have an exciting selection of books to hopefully inspire children's curiosity and love of reading and writing. Books include: Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell; The Great Pet Sale by Mick Inkpen; Bones by Gabrielle Balkan and Actual size by Steve Jenkins. We will continue to practice rhyming strings to help the children become familiar with word sounds and endings. Children will practice segmenting the sounds in simple words and blending them together using the phonics they have learnt so they can start to read and write.





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Science

Our topic this half term is 'Animals, including humans'. We will be thinking about what animals are and contrasting them with plants; researching different kinds of animals and thinking about what they eat. Our topic will be enhanced by our Wood Green learning and a spot of bird watching.



Geography

This half term we will be revisiting continents and oceans before identifying hot and cold places in the world, with a focus on the weather and animals.



English

We will be exploring a range of different text types. These will all be linked to the topic and children will have opportunities to write non-chronological reports and story narratives.

We will be continuing to learn different aspects of grammar with a particular focus on punctuation.

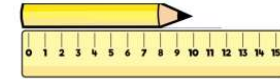
Applying phonics knowledge to writing will be threaded throughout everything we do

Maths

This half term the topics we are focusing on are:

Addition and Subtraction within 20; by adding on, exploring number bonds, subtracting by not and then by crossing out and discovering related number facts.

We will then be exploring length and height by comparison and then accurate measuring.



RE

We will be finding out what a parable is and then exploring what Jesus teaches us about God through his parables.



PE

We will master our skills of throwing and catching, as well as controlling a ball with our feet. We will also be developing balance, agility and co-ordination through yoga and Mr Baxter and Joe Wicks workout sessions.

PSHE

We will start the term by looking at our strengths and differences before setting new goals. We will then focus on communication, getting along and cooperating with each other.



Art, design and technology

We will be looking at the work of Steven Brown and how he applies colour to create textures and effects. We will then focus on the work of Andy Goldsworthy and explore natural and manmade patterns.



Music

We will identify different ways sounds can be made and changed as well as differences between sounds (for example, difference in pitch or volume). We will create graphic notation to represent sounds and then perform them.

Computing

Mastering Google Classroom and staying safe online will be the focus for this half term.