



Explorers



Snowdonia Class Autumn Term 2021

Overview & Key Questions

What is an Explorer? Do you know any famous Explorers?

What do you know about animals? What body parts can you name? What are our senses?

Maths

We have a mastery approach to mathematics and from the outset, we will be looking at place value by counting and sorting objects and by re-visiting tens frames, part-whole models and number recognition using Numicon. We will focus on number and numeral recognition and compare numbers using practical resources. Number bonds will be explored to enable children to learn facts within and beyond 10. Addition and subtraction calculations will be a central theme within the term and therefore children will be using familiar resources to record calculations within and beyond 10.

English

The children will enjoy familiar books such as 'The Snail and the Whale', 'The Gruffalo' and 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' to support our 'Explorers' topic. To fully explore the language in the texts the children will have the opportunity to re-tell and sequence the stories. Using drama, they will act out scenes from the stories to gain a deeper understanding of the characters. When the children re-tell stories to develop their writing we will focus on the process of writing and punctuation. Phonics will be delivered daily, and children will regularly read individually and in groups.

Hooks & Highlights

Visiting Zoo day TBC/ Forest Schools

Art Gallery in school

Science

To start the year will be discovering lots of information about animals. What animals do you know about? We shall discover the similarities and differences between familiar animals that link with our key texts. We will group animals by their characteristics and features looking closely at animal habitats by exploring our environment. What do animals eat? We will discover which animals are omnivores, carnivores and herbivores. We will also look at us, humans! What body parts can you name? Deepening our knowledge of our senses.

Religious Education & Christian Values

Our Christian values for the Autumn term will form the basis of our daily collective worship alongside our weekly Paddington and Star celebration assembly. The children will explore age appropriate Bible stories in their weekly R.E. lessons, and again in Collective worship. We will be exploring the question 'What do Christians believe God is like' through the parable of 'The Lost Son' and developing an understanding that Christians believe that God is a forgiving father. The story of Creation will be re-visited and we will explore the events that underpin the festival of Christmas.

The Wider Curriculum

Our thematic approach will enable the children to develop skills in history, geography, P.E, Computers, Art, Design, Music and P.S.H.E. Through for example geography, the children will learn about seasons, weather and our climate in the U.K. We will learn about famous explorers and their adventures and discoveries. In weekly P.E. sessions the children will explore dance elements and develop movement through games involving throwing and catching. Computing skills will focus on algorithms. The children will learn about artists such as Andy Goldsworthy and they will design, make and evaluate animal homes. Initially as a class Snowdonia will develop a class charter and agree the expectations we have of each other to ensure a happy and secure learning environment.

Homework Project

- Create an animal home/ habitat for your chosen animal.
- Record the weather for a week.
- Design a poster to reduce plastic use.

Key Routines & Dates

- P.E. Day Tuesday Afternoon
- Forest Schools Afternoon-TBC
- Arrival Time 8.50 Departure Time- 3.00