

We will be learning:

In science, we will be learning about different types of animals such as fish, reptiles and mammals. We will be comparing the features of these animals and looking at where they sit on a food chain.

In geography, we will be learning how to use key geographical vocabulary when describing different habitats. We will be looking at where the Arctic is on a world map.

In art, we will be learning about paint and colour mixing.

In computing we will be learning about digital painting.

In music, we will be listening to The Carnival of the Animals by Camille Saint-Saëns.

In PE our topic is sending and receiving, and we will be working on ball skills and games.

During Stay Safe Week, we will be learning about staying safe online, our relationships and road safety.

Key Stage 1 Overview – Autumn 1

Our core story is:

Leaf by Sandra Dieckman

Please do not read this at home with your child until the end of the half term so your child can enjoy hearing the story unfold in class.



At home you could:

- Find out about animals which live in the woods, and those which live in the Arctic
- Practise playing ball games outside
- Practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s
- Read daily at home with your child and talk about what you have read
- Access the weekly Oxford Owl E-Book

Key English skills for your child:

- Using phonics skills to decode new words
- Reading common exception words
- Starting each sentence with a capital letter and ending it with a full stop
- Writing clearly with correct letter formation and with the writing sitting on the lines
- Leaving clear finger spaces between words.

Key Maths skills for your child:

- Count to and across 50, forwards and backwards starting from 0 or 50
- Counting forwards and backwards from any given number within 50
- Count read and write numbers to 50 and count in 2s, 5s and 10s
- Identify one more and one less a given number
- Use the language of equal to, more than, less than (fewer), most and least.

Please talk to your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

Key Knowledge

We would like you to discuss this key vocabulary with your child as we go through the half term.

food chain	The term food chain describes the order in which organisms, or living things, depend on each other for food
habitat	Habitats are places where animals and plants live. The plants and animals - including humans - in a habitat need each other to survive.
Arctic	The Arctic is the region around the North Pole. It is a sea of ice, surrounded by cold, treeless lands.
Antarctic	All the lands between the Antarctic Circle and the South Pole are called Antarctica . Antarctica is a very cold, icy, and dry land; people don't live there because of the harsh climate.
phoneme	A phoneme is the smallest unit of sound within a word. They are taught to children when learning phonics, the study of sounds.
grapheme	A grapheme is a letter or a number of letters that represent a sound (phoneme) in a word.
number bond	Number bonds are pairs of numbers which add up to a certain number .
place value	Place value is the value of each digit in a number. It means understanding that 82 is made up of 80 and 2, rather than 5, 8 and 2.
partition	Partitioning is a way of working out maths problems that involve large numbers by splitting them into smaller units so they're easier to work with

Phase 5 phonemes:

ELS Essential Letter Sounds

PHASE 5

ay	ou	ie	ea
oy	ir	ue	aw
wh	ph	ew	oe
au	ey	a-e	e-e
i-e	o-e	u-e	c

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