

## Personal, Social & Emotional Development

As we are in our last half term, we are going to be preparing the children for their move to Year 1. We will be encouraging independence and we will continue to have regular circle times where the children will be encouraged to listen and interact with their friends and ask questions.

## Physical Development

The children will continue to develop their fine and gross motor skills this half term using the inside and outside environments. Fine motor skills will be developed through pencil control where the children will be encouraged to think carefully about letter formation at all times. We will continue to develop our gross motor skills through the use of the outdoor area which children have access to everyday and through participation in PE.

## Understanding of the World

In project time this half term, the children will be learning about different habitats with a particular focus on rainforests. We will learn about animals that live in these different habitats such as woodlands, the savanna, the ocean and polar regions before moving on to concentrate on learning about the rainforest and all that happens there.

## Expressive Arts & Design

Children will still have the opportunity to use their imaginations, sing songs, dance and create beautiful masterpieces each day.

# Foundation Stage 2

## Newsletter

### Summer 2 Key Words

habitat environment home

natural rainforest trees

plants flowers rainfall

temperature tropical layers

emergent canopy

### A Note To Families

Class 1 will continue to have PE every **Monday** and Class 2 will continue to have PE every **Friday**. Please can we also ask that all jewellery is removed and earrings are taken out at home or covered with plasters or tape before coming into school. As the weather (hopefully) improves, please remember to send a water bottle into school every day and a sunhat and sun cream when necessary. If you have any queries or questions at all, please feel free to let us know at drop off or pick up and we can arrange a time to discuss this. Working together we can provide your children with the best possible learning opportunities.

**Thank you for your support,  
The Foundation Stage 2 Team.**

## Communication and Language

Class discussions will continue to take place during our learning time. The children will be encouraged to share their thoughts, ideas and opinions in full sentences as well as responding to idea and questions from other children in class.

## Literacy

This half term we are continuing to learn and apply our phonics sounds. The children will be encouraged to use them to read and write independently throughout the day.

In our story telling session, we are beginning the half term by reading 'Monkey Puzzle' by Julia Donaldson. We will be using this story to support our literacy writing, where we will be writing simple sentences. We will then move onto reading 'Slow Down Monkey' by Jess French.

## Maths

This half term we will be learning all about numbers 11-20. We want the children to understand that these numbers are made up of 10 and ... more. This will be investigated practically. We will also be looking at sharing and grouping, capacity and 3D shapes.

## Summer 1 home learning Ideas

1. Can you research which animals live in the rainforest?
2. Can you draw or paint your favourite animals from any of the habitats we have explored? Can you write a sentence describing your picture?
3. Can you make a collage of one of the habitats we have learnt about using materials from home?