

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022

**Year group:** Reception

**Classes:** Maple and Chestnut

**Teachers:** Miss Hackett and Mr Martisius

## Curriculum Letter- Summer (2<sup>nd</sup> half)

Dear Parents/Carers,

This half term our topic is Zoo animals and their habitats. We will be looking at 'The Mixed Up Chameleon' by Eric Carle for our first text, followed by Alex Scheffler's Flip Flap books. The children will be also learning about all the different animals we hope to see on our Zoo trip on 30<sup>th</sup> June. We will be looking at information texts and fact writing.

<b>Literacy Key Texts</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Physical Development</b>	<b>Expressive Arts and Design</b>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mixed Up Chameleon Flip Flap Books Information Texts about Zoo animals</b></p> <p><b>We will be learning to;</b> Using the sounds we know in writing-CVC writing Forming letters correctly Read and write simple sentences and phrases Talk about stories they have read or heard. Retell a story in own words. Tricky words; he, she, we, me, be, are, all, they, her, my, Phonics phase 3</p> <p><b>At home you could;</b> Continue to read every day. Go on Bugclub regularly. Read stories to your child. Use puppets/toys to retell your favourite bedtime stories.</p>	<p><b>We will be learning to;</b> Finding patterns in numbers looking at doubling, odd and even numbers, number bonds to 10 and beyond.</p> <p><b>At home you could;</b> Count in two's. Use mirrors to help your child understand doubling using their toys or items around the house. Can they write the number sentences to go with them? Play board games and active games and encourage your child to tally the results.</p>	<p><b>We will be learning to;</b> Hold a pencil correctly using the tripod grip. Form the letters of our name correctly. Draw representational image. Using tools correctly: including cutlery! Skipping, hopping, side steps, and moving in different directions. Sequencing more than one movement to make their own dance. We will also be climbing on the apparatus.</p> <p><b>We have PE every Wednesday. This half term we will be inside. All children should wear joggers/leggings, plain white t-shirt and black trainers every Wednesday.</b> Sports Day is on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July. Your child will need to be in their House Team colour t shirt. Ask your teacher if you are unsure of the correct colour.</p>	<p><b>We will be learning to;</b> Experiment with printing, looking at different textures. Move to music. Act out familiar stories Making Father's day cards</p> <p><b>At home you could;</b> Spend time painting and exploring printing using everyday objects to make different patterns and textures. Use puppets/toys to retell your favourite bedtime stories.</p>

<p><b>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</b></p> <p><b>Our JIGSAW topic is; Changing me.</b> We will be learning all about how we change as we grow, moving on to new experiences and transition.</p> <p><b>At home you could;</b> Talk about people who help us and every day such as our parents, teachers or friends.</p>	<p><b>Communication and Language</b></p> <p><b>We are learning to;</b> Join in with poems and rhymes. Respond to questions, giving reasons for our thoughts.</p> <p><b>At home you could;</b> Share lots of stories and talk about what happened in them. Can your child give their opinions on the story? Did they enjoy the story and why? Were all the characters nice/why? Share poems and rhymes with your child. Share and learn some of your favourite nursery rhymes from when you were a child.</p>	<p><b>At home you could;</b> Play ball games with your child; throwing and catching with different sized balls. Practice forming letters correctly with your weekly phonics homework. Strengthen finger muscles with; cutting, threading and playdough activities. Ensure your child is using cutlery confidently. Visit the local parks and find new ways of moving; on, along, under, over the playground equipment.</p>	<p><b>Understanding World</b></p> <p><b>We will be learning about;</b> Zoo Animals Noah's Arc Bug Hunting Father's Day</p> <p><b>At home you could;</b> Talk about special days that we celebrate. Discuss the time of day that you do different things. Go to the library and look at information books together.</p>
<p>We would love to see any work you complete at home around our topic.</p> <p>Please feel free to contact class teachers directly on our class email accounts and we will aim to reply within a couple of working days.</p> <p>Chestnut Class: <a href="mailto:chestnutclass@harefieldinfant.com">chestnutclass@harefieldinfant.com</a></p> <p>Maple Class: <a href="mailto:mapleclass@harefieldinfant.com">mapleclass@harefieldinfant.com</a></p>			
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Activity Money</b></p> <p>In Reception we love to cook, taste new foods, watch plants grow and take part in messy play. Your Activity Money contributions really support us with providing exciting learning experiences for your child.</p> <p>We kindly ask for voluntary contributions of £2.50 per half term which you can make online using ParentPay.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thank you Reception Team</p>			