



Summer 1 2023 Curriculum Overview

The Summer term has arrived quickly. We have another busy half term ahead with lots of fun things happening. We started the term with our visit to Peak Wildlife Park. The children had a fabulous time learning about the different animals and being able to get close to them. The children were all polite and respectful towards the animals we saw.

This week we will be talking about the King's Coronation and how people will be celebrating this moment in history.

Please continue to check Seesaw and school bags regularly for any notices.

Please ensure your child has in school each day:

- named water bottle filled with water only
- suitable coat
- sunhat or cap if necessary

Home Learning

Thank you for completing any activities sent home with your child or set on Seesaw. These activities consolidate your child's learning in school and provides them with the opportunity to share their learning at home. Please continue to support your child with these each week. Thank you.

Reading in Owls

Thank you for support in helping your child progress on their reading journey. Please read their decodable reading book several times throughout the week to help them develop their confidence in blending and then reading words by sight. We will often send home the words from the book your child has read in school. Please remember to send books in on a Monday.

Well done to Nursery children for sharing your chosen story book at home. We hope you enjoy this special time, encouraging your child to talk about the pictures and what they like about the story.

Phonics

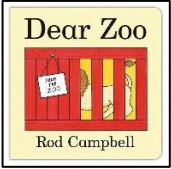
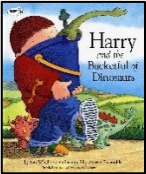
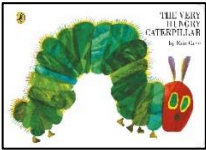
We are continuing to recap on sounds within Level 3 before moving on to Level 4 later in the term. Please practise the sounds sent home on the keyrings as regularly as you can. Encourage your child to also write the letters for each sound using the correct letter formation. Please refer to the Twinkl Letter Mat for the letter formation we are teaching in Reception.

Keeping in touch

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions, queries or just need to update us with things that may happen away from school. You can message us through Seesaw or email via the office office@hutchinson.staffs.sch.uk We will get back to you as soon as we can either with a message or phone call if required.

Mrs Owen & Miss Johnson

Summer 1 – Curriculum Information

Topic	Focus texts	Rationale
All Creatures Great and Small	  	As we think about Spring and new life at this time of year, we will learning about different animals, their habitats and life cycles.
Communication and Language	We will: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Listen to and retell the story using actions and repeated vocabulary.• Listen and join in with regular Storytime.• Learn new vocabulary linked to different celebrations and events.	
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	This half term we will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Making healthy choices about what we eat.• Developing our independence as we select our own resources.• Talking about our work and things we have done well.• Continuing to keep our classroom tidy and look after our belongings.	
RHE	Theme – Caring	

Physical Development	This term we will be continuing to learn the correct way to hold one handed tools including scissors, pencils and cutlery. We will also be learning to use hammers safely. We will be continuing to practise our letter formation. In PE we will focus on manipulation and co-ordination.
Literacy	<p>Nursery will be making their own marks and beginning to give meaning to them. We will be retelling stories and beginning to learn some letter sounds.</p> <p>Reception will be learning new sounds during our daily phonics' sessions. We will be writing short sentences and retelling stories and events. We will be using our phonics knowledge to read short sentences, reading some words by sight.</p>
Mathematics	<p>Nursery will complete lots of practical activities using simple shapes. We will be looking at number 5 and using one more and one less to compare amounts.</p> <p>Reception will continue to follow the White Rose Maths Scheme. We will be looking at how larger numbers are composed. We will order numbers and explore patterns including doubles, odd and even. We will also be continuing our quick recall of number bonds to 5.</p>
Understanding the World	<p>This half term we will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning about special events – St George's Day and the Coronation of King Charles. • Making our own map of the zoo. • Planting seeds and observing them as they grow. • Learning about the life cycle of the butterfly. • Learning about dinosaurs and the famous palaeontologist Mary Anning.
Expressive Arts and Design	<p>This half term we will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating our own Spring pictures selecting different resources. • Drawing different animals through careful observation. • Making our own butterfly pictures. • Making a Coronation Crown. • Learning songs for the Coronation.
RE	<p>Nursery- Special Places</p> <p>Reception – What happens in our Church?</p>

Some activities for your child to try at home....

Make their own junk animals.



Play different number games looking at the number patterns.



Write about things they have been doing away from school.



Plant their own seeds or bulbs to grow flowers or vegetables.



Useful websites

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/> - for fun phonics games

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting> - for fun maths activities

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b08bzfnh/numberblocks> - to consolidate our work in Early Number

<https://whitrosemaths.com/1-minute-maths> - quick activities to consolidate Maths activities