

Our Theme Next Term is..

On Safari!

This topic is based on safari animals. We are hoping to do lots of fun activities including mask making, dance and learning facts about animals and life in Africa. The children will have opportunities to dress up as different safari animals in the role-play area, this should get their imaginations going! We would be very grateful if you have any books or dressing up clothes linked to this topic that we could borrow next half term.

Mathematics

We will continue to work on number recognition, ordering numbers and forming them correctly (numbers 0-20 and beyond).

The children will be completing further practical activities and games involving doubling, halving and sharing. Towards the end of half term we will be revisiting addition and subtraction.

Literacy

The children continue to build on their knowledge of sounds. They are gaining confidence to 'have a go' when spelling words. We are encouraging the children to put their ideas into a simple sentence and are focussing on leaving finger spaces between words. We will start handwriting practice in the Summer term with the focus being on cursive script. Reading books will be collected in over the two week holiday, but please keep reading. Try visiting the library to look at additional books or spot signs and labels to read in the environment.

Links

Remember to click onto the Reception page of the school website for links and games to play to support your child's learning.

<http://www.churchtown.org.uk>

In Reception we regularly use the paint program on Purple Mash in our weekly computing lessons.



Remember children need to bring their book bag and reading book into school every day. Please look out for school newsletters and other communication.

Continue to read regularly at home, just 5 minutes each day can significantly help your child's progress. Thank you!

What's On

5th April
Botanic Gardens: The Fun Rabbit Hunt (free event)

19th April
Martin Mere: Giant Plastic Duck Hunt



Farmer Ted's: The arrival of newly born animals. They have lambs, piglets and fingers crossed some calves too!

What have we been up to?



We have had great fun learning all about space! We have learnt the story Beegu through the Talk 4 Writing approach. The children enjoyed using props to act out this story and have drawn story maps to help them retell the whole story. This then led onto the children writing their own alternative ending to the story, wow their ideas were very imaginative! We have also been busy making various models in the creative area, including spaceships and rockets.

Books to read

Beegu
Aliens Love
Underpants
The Man on
the Moon
Wanda's Space Party
Q Pootle 5



During the Spring holiday you may want to share library books, magazines, websites and encourage your child to look out for familiar words/letters.

www.oxfordowl.co.uk has free e-books

Something to try at home

The children are now beginning to write simple sentences independently. Can you encourage your child to write a sentence at home... perhaps some exciting holiday news. Remind your child to think of the sentence first, say it and then write it. Can your child then read the sentence back?

We would **love it** if the children can bring their writing into school for '**show and tell**'.

