

Our learning this half term will follow the theme of **“Me and my World”** where we focus on **people, places, plastic & pollution.**

Characteristics of Effective Learning

Playing & Exploring



We will be encouraging all the children to seek out challenges – what will you learn that's new/different to/more than you learnt yesterday?

Active Learning



We will be encouraging all the children to keep on trying even when something feels difficult.

Creating and thinking critically



We will be encouraging all the children to adapt & change when things are not working.

Prime Areas of Learning

Personal, Social & Emotional Development



We will be working on understanding and applying the school values. We will also develop ways to solve disagreements, learning to listen and negotiate with each other.

Physical Development



We will be developing upper body & hand strength in P.E sessions using the large climbing equipment.

We will be working hard to develop pencil control and correct letter formation & begin sewing skills.

Communication & Language



We will be encouraging all the children to extend their vocabulary based on a range of stories we will read & areas of interest that arise. We will encourage children to extend answers & responses by explaining why or how.

Specific Areas of Learning

Literacy



We will be reading stories like *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*, *One World, One Plastic Bag* and retelling them in the correct order. We will also look at non-fiction books about Africa, *Rock Pools & Floating & Sinking*. We will develop Phase 4 phonics skills & build reading fluency. We will be encouraging all the children to make up simple sentences and try to write them using phonics.

Maths



Numbers
We will be investigating sharing amounts & using this to work out if it is odd or even. We will be counting forwards to 100 and counting backwards from 20. We will also work on saying 1 more/fewer.

Shape, Space & Measures
We will work on various measures including mass & height, particularly focusing on the correct use of language.

Understanding the World



We will be listening to and learning songs from Africa, and learning about this part of the world and its people & places.

We will focus on observing and noticing similarities, differences and changes in relation to people, places, animals, plants & more specifically exploring floating & sinking.

Expressive Arts & Design



We will continue to encourage colour mixing at our paint station and learn to mix brown to paint African patterns. We will experience using watercolour paints too. Storytelling & role-play will be encouraged linked to stories and our interests. We will make music to match story events.