The Animal Kingdom (Summer 1) Topic Overview

Communication and Language

Learn new vocabulary, and use developing language to talk about animals in the natural world, how and why they are different, and how they may change.

Understand information from books and stories and share it with their peers as they play. Know and use songs and vocabulary related to their play. Demonstrate 'good listening' in small and larger groups. Begin to debate with others about their opinions.

Personal, Social, Emotional Development

Talk about their own feelings and their reasons for them. Resolve problems with their peers whilst playing.

Recognise and talk about their emotions, and how others may feel, explaining why people may feel happy, sad, angry etc. . Standing up for themselves in appropriate ways, for example saying 'Stop, I don't like that', and suggesting ways to solve a conflict for example 'I can have this one and you can have that one'.

Physical Development

Develop hand eye coordination, particularly in respect to throwing and catching. Hold tools and pencils appropriately.

Move in many different ways, using equipment such as beanbags and balls., and begin to play simple team games. Do things for themselves such as buttons and **zips**. Work together to move large objects. Develop mark making skills with paint and other media. Use a pencil with increasing control.

Literacy

Listen to, enjoy and share stories and information texts that are shared in school. Make marks and letter shapes, assigning meaning to them.

Sing songs and rhymes together and independently. Share and tell stories. Learn new words from stories and books. Make marks and ascribe meaning to them, sometimes using letter shapes. Write some letters from their name, with increasing independence.

Mathematics

Count reliably – counting different objects and recognising numbers 1-5 and beyond.

Carefully count small groups of objects up to 5 and quickly recognize up to 3 things and match to a numeral. Solve simple number problems with groups of up to 5. Know numerals up to 5.

Understanding the World

Talk about and find out about the natural world particularly animals and their characteristics and lives.

Look closely, making observations of the natural world and changes they see happening.

Expressive Arts and Design

Express their feelings and emotions through media, and movement, using a range of different techniques and materials.

Use different materials to create things that express their emotions. Join in singing songs and sing them with others and by themselves. Enjoy simple role play and pretend play based on what they know, including stories we have shared.

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