



# YEAR R - Summer 2

## TOPIC

### Let's explore!

Welcome back! We hope that you and your children have had a relaxing and enjoyable break and that the children are ready for their last half term before the summer holidays and their move into year 1!

This half term our topic will be 'Let's Explore' we will be looking at nature, insects and pond life. As usual we will be undertaking lots of fun and challenging activities to inspire your children in their learning.

## MATHS

Counting is an integral part of our maths lessons so we will continue counting in different ways together. We will practise counting forwards and backwards from a given number. We will also be using our skills and knowledge of numbers to help with adding and subtracting and solving number problems. We will consolidate forming numerals to 10 and continue forming the numerals from 10 - 20 and above. There will be lots of opportunity to develop our understanding of shape, measuring, time and pattern in creative ways.

## LITERACY

This term the children continue to be streamed for phonics lessons across the year group. This allows us to target specific learning needs in this area and give the children an extra boost before they head to Year 1. We will consolidate our knowledge of letters and their sounds and will continue learning to form these correctly. We will continue with blending sounds together as a phonic strategy to aid reading, together with the use of picture cues to work out unfamiliar words. We will also continue sounding out words in our writing and begin to use our knowledge of learned words in our reading and writing too.

## UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

As part of our topic we will be learning about different creatures and their habitats. We will be developing a greater knowledge and understanding of the plants and animals found in our local environment. We will be thinking about the ways in which animals move, what they eat and how they manage to survive. We will be hunting for plants and animals in our school grounds. In ICT we will continue to develop our computer skills using a variety of programmes to create symmetrical patterns e.g. butterflies and snails together with remote control toys and other ICT tools.

Year R trip to the Nature Reserve.  
Visiting our School Pond.

## EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN

In music we will continue to sing a variety of nursery and action rhymes. We will use the instruments to keep a steady beat and will learn to keep in time with our group. In art we will be exploring colour mixing further and experimenting with wax resist techniques. We will also be learning how to use watercolours.

## PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Your children have become much more independent, confident learners and have mastered school rules and routines well. They have become very good at making their own decisions and doing things independently such as doing up zips, getting changed for PE etc. We will continue to consolidate all of this to enable them to move to year 1 confidently and successfully.

## COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE

The children are becoming confident speakers in whole class situations and good listeners and we will therefore continue to encourage this through games, rhymes, stories and circle time activities. We will continue developing our reading and writing skills through guided reading. This is where the children read texts with small groups of other children at a similar reading level, guided by their teacher.

## PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Our PE will include games, where we will be developing our throwing skills using targets and dance where we will explore different ways of moving to a range of stimuli, such as pictures and music.

*You may need to check that your child's plimsolls/trainers still fit after the holiday and that all clothing is clearly named!*