

EYFS Term 3

Curriculum Overview

Dear Parents and Carers,
Please have a look over our class curriculum for the coming term. Our topic will be 'I wonder how animals differ?'

Blean Primary School



Learning Together to Enjoy and Achieve

Key Vocabulary

differ
adapt
feature
camouflage
survive
habitat
globe
melt
freeze

Personal, Social and Emotional Development: This term we are learning about working towards our dreams and goals. We will be focusing on our school value 'resilience' and will keep trying in the face of challenge.

Communication and Language: This term we are going to extend our speaking and listening skills through curiosity. The children will begin to think about questions to find out more about animals from different locations and how they are better adapted. We will use 'circle times' to spark conversations about our Creepy Claws visit and articulate our opinions and preferences. We will also be scientists where we will use speech to make predictions and describe observational changes.

Literacy: We are moving onto learning Phase 3 digraphs in Phonics – these are two letters which make one sound. We are continuing to segment and blend sounds to read words containing taught digraphs and will begin to chunk two-syllable words. Later in the term, we will be writing animal descriptions, animal fact files and recounting our visit from Creepy Claws.

Mathematics: The children will be exploring capacity and learning to explore and order containers from greatest to smallest capacity. We will also introduce measuring length, height and time. Learning about the composition of bigger numbers will be our focus as we will be building numbers to ten. Daily sessions of Mastering Number will help consolidate a strong comprehension of number as this term we continue to identify "parts" of a "whole" number.

Physical Development: This term we will be completing weekly gymnastic lessons where we will focus on making body shapes, travelling in different ways and using mat, bench and partner work. There will also be daily opportunities to develop our gross and fine motor skills through our 'Root Learning' sessions, both inside and outside of our classrooms.

Expressive Arts and Design:

We will be using our senses to explore ice and snow within our environment. Looking closely at a snowflake will inspire us to recreate shapes using a range of materials such as paper, playdough and paint. We will look at the work of "Catman", specifically the original canvas of a polar bear on an iceberg. We will then create our own masterpieces on canvas of our favourite animal.

Understanding The World:

This term we will be learning to be scientists and focussing on "observing" change in materials, such as melting and freezing. We will be using globes and maps to learn about the geography of our world and learning to locate the United Kingdom. We will compare the Arctic and the Sahara Desert and their differing terrain and weather. This will lead us to consider these habitats and the features of the animals that live there. Finally, we will welcome a visitor to school that will bring lots of real animals for us to meet and identify ways that they are similar and different.

Notes:

Home Learning will continue to be put on Google Classroom at the end of the week and reading books will go home every Tuesday. Remember you can also access books on your child's 'Collins Ebook' login.

Mastering Number at Home (Maths workshop and home learning project):
Thursday 15th January