

Around the World

Throughout this half term we are going to be comparing our environment here in Roydon to different places around the world.



We are starting as ice explorers up in the Arctic with the polar bears and reading 'Penguin Small' who will take us on a journey down to the Antarctic to be with the penguins.



From ice and snow we return to England with 'Percy the Park Keeper' who will teach us all about woodlands and parks in our local area.



But there's no time to stop as we go on a rhyming adventure with 'Rumble in the Jungle' and 'Commotion in the Ocean'.

As we go on our adventures we will be researching the weather climates, animals that habitat the areas, the types of homes the animals live in, what they eat and where it is placed on a globe.

We will be learning about the differences in habitats and categorising animals by what they eat into carnivores, herbivores and omnivores and also the type of animal they are: mammal, reptile, amphibian etc.



Through RE, music and dance we will be exploring different cultures, beliefs and celebrations including the Chinese New Year and the 'Hall of the Dragon' dance. The carnival of the animals will help us to explore different sounds and matching movement to music.

We are going to be developing our muscle strength, control and balance both on and off equipment and exploring animal movement in gymnastics.



Our art work is going to be water inspired as we explore how water and paint when mixed create different effects and use these to create backdrops for different animal scenes.



We are going to explore waterproof materials and floating and sinking as we make a boat for 'Penguin Small' to travel in.

In mathematics we are going to be concentrating on the key factors such as 1 more and less, counting in 2's, 5's and 10's, pairs to 10, doubles and halves, adding and subtracting, telling the time, ordering the days of the week, recognising 2D and 3D shapes, recognising and using money and using our measuring skills!

Our ICT skills are going to be developed through programming on Espresso and we will be enjoying our I-pads and new 5 point interactive wipe boards to develop many different cross-curricular skills.

All of this will be underpinned with our ethos of inclusion, sharing and being kind and positive towards our friends in school and the community.

Don't forget you can view our learning on the school blog and leave comments about our learning. Our 'Learning at Home' weekly activities will also keep you updated on our learning week by week and suggest things you may like to explore or try at home.

We look forward to seeing you all at our 'Sharing Mornings' throughout the term. For this half term it will be in your child's classroom on Thursday 22nd January from 9am until 10am but please remember we are always here if you have any questions, worries or anything we need to know!