



Curriculum Information

The Lost World

This term our topic is 'The Lost World.' We are going to be doing lots of exciting research, investigations and writing about dinosaurs, cavemen and different animals. We will be looking at a different story each week and introducing to the children through an exciting 'stunning start.'



English

The children will continue to explore a wide range of texts, including an introduction to non-fiction books. We will be starting to use our sounds to blend words to write them, moving on to writing simple phrases and sentences. We are going to be creating and writing about our own dinosaurs and writing a fact file about two animals that are extinct. We will start to look and listen for rhyming words which will link to Phonics, where we will continue to work in our small groups to learn out sounds. **Please see <https://st-monicas.co.uk/information/curriculum-subject-area/> for information and videos about phonics.**

Key words: blending, sounds, stretch, Fred in your head, phonics fingers.

Mathematics

We will be developing a deeper understanding of numbers to 10. We will be learning to order numbers to 10, understanding the value of each number and its relationships with other numbers. The children will be representing numbers in different ways and beginning to learn our number bonds to 5. This will eventually culminate in the children using

these skills to start to solve problems. We will also start to look at shape and measuring concepts.

Key words: subitise, number bond, count, accurate, shapes, 2D, 3D.

Understanding the World

The World

We will be learning about the country we live in and the name of the capital city. We will be developing our skill of comparing by comparing our country to another country, talking about the climate and food. We will be focusing on materials, learning to distinguish between objects and the materials they are made from, including some properties. We will be carrying out experiments to support the children's understanding of these properties. The children will be learning about ways they can help to look after the planet. This will include how materials are recycled and we will be making our own paper from recycled products. We will be conducting a litter pick and talking about the effect of waste on the planet.

Key words: materials, properties, melting, energy, opaque, transparent, recycle, eco-friendly.

Peoples and Communities

We will look specifically at the traditions of Chinese New Year, and discuss how this compares to our celebrations of New Year.

Expressive Arts and Design

This term the children will be using different materials and skills to expand their learning in other areas. We will be making Chinese lanterns for New Year, clay dinosaurs to inspire our writing, collages of different images and making our own footprints.

Key words: print, texture, colour, material, collage.

Technology

This term we will be participating in 'Online Safety day'. We will introduce the children to the idea of staying safe using the story of Digiduck. The children will also have ample opportunity to use different software such as Purple Mash to create different images.

PSED

The children will be meeting Elbib. He is our puppet who needs lots of help to make the right choices. The children will be learning about being a good friend, playing co-operatively and taking their friends ideas into account when playing.

Key words: sharing, kind, friend, respect.

Communication and Language

We will be developing our skills of listening to our friends and responding appropriately. The children will be asking questions in their Literacy lessons and will be organising their speech in order to correctly form a sequence of sentences.

Physical Development

The children will be starting on their new learning around gymnastics. We will be learning to balance and create a sequence of movements including rolling and jumping. The children will be using basic equipment such as



mats and balance beams.