Explorers

Year R Autumn Term 2019

To develop our literacy skills we will…
Enjoy sharing a range of stories about different places from the jungle to the deep blue sea and even outer space! We will also be looking at lots of information books and using the computer to find out facts about the world around us. We will learn the sounds that many letters make and listen carefully to the sounds we hear in words to help us read and write them. We will be working hard to form our letters correctly.

To develop our mathematical skills we will…
Learn to solve simple, practical addition and subtraction problems by counting on and back. We will develop our counting and number recognition skills. We will develop our positional and directional language through map work and completing trails as pirates. We will talk about the language of size linked to planets and look at height / length and weight of moon rocks and the treasure we hope to find on our pirate adventures. We will also solve simple problems involving money to help us buy things for our jungle kitchen or pay to drive the 'safari bikes' around the jungle!

To develop our social skills we will…
Work with partners and in small groups to complete challenges. We will think about how people from different countries live and work as a team and use this to solve problems and find our own solutions.

To develop our physical skills we will…
Think about different ways we can move our bodies. We will travel over, under, through and balance when completing 'jungle' challenges and obstacle courses. We will listen carefully to animal music and explore dance and movement to music. We will think about how to stay safe and healthy and strengthen our fine and gross motor skills to develop our writing skills.

To develop our communication skills we will…
Explore descriptive language to talk about the different place we visit on our expeditions. We will work with a partner to direct them around the 'jungle' course or follow our maps to find buried treasure. We will also begin to share our own special stories through special star person and listen to what others would like to share with us, asking questions to clarify our understanding.

To develop our creative skills we will…
Explore musical instruments to see if we can make the different sounds. We will explore loud and soft sounds and moving to the beat. We will look at different animal patterns and explore with textures to recreate them. We will think about the different colours in the various environments that we are finding out about and experiment with colour mixing to look at different shades.

To develop our Understanding of the World we will…
Explore the World around us and the different environments that people and animals live in. We will find out about animals, what they need to survive, think about predators and prey and look at camouflage! We will look at maps and globes and draw our own maps of the school grounds. We will explore the school grounds for different animals and their habitats. We will use the computer to find out facts about outer space and Antarctica. We will explore paint programs on the computer to draw our own pictures.