

Core signs for our topic this term.



Our topic this term is 'African Adventure', here are some related signs for you to practice.

Africa



Jungle



Hot



Animals



Explorer



Don't forget to say the words as you sign!



Wren Class Information for parents

Term 1

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IfieldSchool

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Regular events:

Tuesday: Sensory Room

Wednesday: Music / Gong Therapy /
Ifield Life / Singing Assembly

Thursday: PE Enrichment: Larkin Farm

Friday: Rainbow Room / PE / Food
Technology/ PRIDE Assembly



Welcome to Wren class and our first
Newsletter for this Academic Year!

General Information

We have had a wonderful start to the new academic year! This term our topic is 'African Adventure'. We would love to celebrate adventures your son or daughter had over the summer holiday. Please could you send in some photographs of your child. If you would like to send this electronically, please email them to our school office.

Homework and contact

Thank you for using the Home/School Journals, the comments we receive are really helpful. Please do continue to let us know if you have any concerns. Please read/ share a book with your child every night. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate named clothing for activities we are doing such as PE kit, wellies, coats and jumpers.

Foundations for Literacy

Pupils will continue to develop their communication through Objects of Reference, PECS, Makaton, Colourful Semantics and communication boards. Our learning time will include: Attention Autism and the Curiosity Programme. Pupils will continue to develop their fine motor, mark-making and handwriting skills through a range of activities, including Write Dance, Dough Disco and sensory trays.

We will have story sessions daily including story sacks and sensory stories. Each student will share a story with an adult. Either 1:1 or in a small group.

Linked to this term's topic 'African Adventure' stories will include 'Rumble in the jungle' by Giles Andreae; 'We're going on a lion hunt' by David Axtell; 'Handa's Surprise' by Eileen Browne and 'We all went on a safari' by Laurie Krebs.

Foundations for Mathematics

Pupils will be following a personalised maths plan. Each week we will be focusing on a different mathematical concept exploring size including comparing size and ordering size, patterns, days of the week and counting. There will be a variety of opportunities to explore these concepts as part of our learning time and our continuous provision.

Life Skills

The pupils will develop their life skills with the preparation of snack every day, personal hygiene and activities to encourage social interaction and turn taking. We will be visiting Ifield Life. This will provide a realistic and thoroughly enjoyable learning experience with a clear emphasis on developing independence as part of the Ifield Life Programme.

PSED

Wren Class have begun to develop some wonderful relationships. In PSED our main focus this term is continuing to develop relationships, particularly between the peers themselves during Attention Autism sessions and a variety of opportunities for turn taking activities. Daily, students are encouraged to express preferences and decisions through a Total Communication Approach.

Communication Interaction

Intensive Interaction is integrated throughout our day. It supports our pupils to enhance their social communication through developing the Fundamentals of Communication. There will be personalised focus on speech and language targets to facilitate early communication with a range of communication partners, including Curiosity Programme, Attention Autism, EHCP targets and 1:1 interventions.

Expressive Arts and Design

This term we will be focusing on exploring patterns, textures and colours. The pupils will be introduced to a variety of textures and colours through tactile materials. Activities will include finger painting with textured paint, feeling different fabrics and exploring sensory bins filled with materials linked to safari animals i.e. furry fabric, feathers, bumpy fabric.

Food Tech

Each week the students will be taking part in cooking lessons. Food Tech lessons will take place on a Friday and will often be linked to our topic, such as making a fruit salad linked to fruit in the story 'Handa's Surprise'.



Physical Education

Pupils will have a PE lesson every Friday. They will develop their gross motor skills and co-ordination. Please ensure your child has a named PE kit which can stay in school.



PE Enrichment

This term Wren Class will be visiting Larkin Farm which is based at Abbey Court School every Thursday morning. The farm has grazing paddocks, stables, a classroom, a barn and a horticulture area. Currently they have donkeys, goats, pigs, sheep, chickens, ducks, guinea pigs, rabbits, alpacas and Shetland ponies.

Understanding of the World

We will be beginning our focus on Understanding the World, by establishing our 'Class Rules' and Routines. Linked to our topic 'African Adventure' students will have the opportunity to explore and play using small world reconstructions focusing on looking at similarities, differences, patterns and change in nature.

Music

Pupils will be participating in weekly music lessons that encompass a variety of holistic skills such as sharing, turn taking and greeting familiar adults. Pupils will experience the music of Africa throughout their weekly sessions. Some pupils will also experience gong therapy this term.

