

Communication

This term, in Comet Class, we will be focusing on developing Reception's vocabulary. Adults will be encouraging children to be more detailed and descriptive in their spoken language as well as their writing.

From last term, we will be continuing to reinforce using full sentences when answering questions, discussing our thoughts and ideas.

Expressive Arts

Our topic for this term is 'wonderful Wildlife', the children in their art lessons with Ms Hodgson will be specialising in observational drawing. Comet Class will be practicing to draw still life from a variety of mediums including photographs, models, and concrete objects in order to develop their museum drawing skills. I am looking forward to decorating our display boards with their art pieces.

Understanding the World

For PSHE, we follow the Jigsaw curriculum, our topic for this term is 'Dreams and Goals'. As part of this theme, Comet class will be learning about the world of work and all the different jobs that are available, one of which could be their future dream job. We plan to make lessons interactive by giving children glimpses into what jobs might involve, for example, visiting the fire station to learn about firefighters, or learning some first aid as part of being a doctor/nurse.

Please Remember...

The children will continue to receive word blending books each week to practice, these are not for keeping, please return them back to school with home learning books, storybooks, and diaries every Thursday/Friday.

Please continue to review and refresh the past words that have been sent home in their home learning books. Please ensure that your child is practicing their reading using their ditty books and its accompanying book bag book.

I am setting maths home learning on our new platform 'Learning with parents'- no login is required, activity links will be sent to your email.

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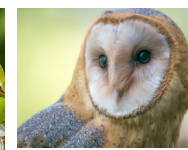
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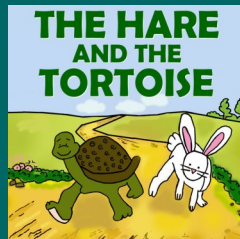
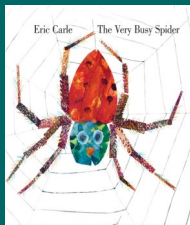
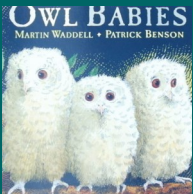
Literacy

We will be reading a lot of animal themed stories as part of our topic 'Wonderful Wildlife', with a real focus on questioning during story time discussions, and building on storyboard work with our sentence writing and use of descriptive vocabulary.

With world book day being this term, I will be introducing 'my favourite storybook moments' in class during the afternoon. These sessions aim to encourage love of reading as well help encourage early writing, the children will write their favourite part of their chosen story accompanied with an illustration

In class, we will also be practicing writing the days of the week and months of the year as well as having a go at writing the full date.

As always, we will continue to our Read Write inc lessons to help Reception to develop their phonetic reading and writing skills.



Mathematics

This term we will continue to consolidating our knowledge around our number bonds to 10. We will continue explore the relationships between numbers utilising different methods to compose numbers to 10, including the 10s frame, counters and number blocks. We will continue to work on core skills such as subitising, one to one correspondence when counting and understanding the cardinal principle, we also hope to encourage a language rich lessons through the use of mathematical vocabulary.



Personal Development

We are continuously reviewing and reminding ourselves of the Halley House Values. On Monday mornings, Comet Class have in class assembly where we focus on one specific Halley House value through a story, and then use story for talk. For example, we looked at the value of being helpful and kind by reading 'Farmer Duck', and then applied the story content to how we could take care of our classroom as a team.



Physical Development

The children will continue to develop their gross motor skills during their fun and exciting lessons with coach.

In the classroom, we will be focusing on developing our fine motor skills. Reception will be practicing doing their coat zips and buttons independently as well as wearing other items of clothing on their own.

We will also be practicing threading, tying shoe laces and our cutting skills.

How can you help me at home?

Whatever opportunity you have, read, read, and read with your child to help develop their communication and language skills, comprehension as well as their own reading fluency.

Please refer to the DfE website for further information <https://www.gov.uk/early-years-foundation-stage>