

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!



Kingfisher Class Information for parents Term 1



Class Teacher and TAs
Teresa Assado (Teacher)
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Anu Singh (TA)
Tallia Kingston (TA)
Shelley Deadman (TA)

Regular events:

Monday: Sensory Room

Tuesday: Ifield Life

Wednesday: Gong Therapy / Singing Assembly/ Rainbow room and Soundabout

Thursday: PE Enrichment: Hydropool

Friday: PE



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 / 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.

PSED

Kingfisher Class have begun to develop some wonderful relationships. In PSED our main focus this term is continuing to develop relationships, particularly between the peers and 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.

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.

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'.



Music

Every week we have a music lesson and Gong Therapy session. We sing a variety of songs and nursery rhymes throughout the day and have musical instruments as part of our continuous provision.



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.

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.



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 everyday, 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.

PE Enrichment

This term Kingfisher Class will be going hydro pool swimming. The students will have the opportunity to expand their swimming skills, with the support of class team and a swimming instructor. Please do send to school your child's swimming kit every Thursday.