Communication and Language:

We will be using Big Talk to develop our speaking skills, which in turn help us with writing. We will practise articulating our ideas clearly, expanding our vocabulary and using joining words such as 'because', 'and' and 'then'.

We will be learning to explain our ideas in more detail this term and link more than one together in a sentence.

We will also be learning to use positional language in Maths and story telling language in Literacy.

Understanding the World:

We have our Living Egg Project this term where we have our duckling eggs delivered. We explore and look at different life cycles. We will then be looking at different habitats around the world and thinking about animals that live locally to us, the environment they live in and how to take care of them.

We will be learning about the Easter story and why this is a special celebration for Christians. We will learn about how Easter is celebrated around the world. We will also learn about the period of lent in the run up to Easter and what this signifies.

Physical Education:

We will continue our daily Busy Fingers session which focus on our fine motor activities to build upon and strengthen muscle development. We also have opportunities for gross motor skills in our garden that change weekly. We will be focusing this term on team games to encourage cooperation.

PE Sessions:

We will be practising our gymnastic skills this half term, working on balancing, jumping, using apparatus and creating a sequence. PE will be every Tuesday.

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Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

This half term we are focusing on taking care of ourselves. We are learning about healthy food, how to keep our teeth healthy as well as hygiene such as washing our hands to wash germs away.

The children will be continuing to develop their independence skills, including how to do up a zip, cut up their food, put on their own shoes and coat and get changed for PE.

We will begin to look at different charities and the importance of raising money to support others.

pressive Arts and Design:

will be developing our sketching skills and creating observational drawings of the ducklings. We will learn about pencil control and how to add additional details to our drawings.

We will be manipulating clay to make models of Minibeasts/animals and wildlife that we find in our outside area.

We will be creating junk models looking at the design and making process, linking to our text focusing on different habitats around the world.

Maths:

We will be continuing to use our White Rose scheme in Maths this half term. We will start by exploring and comparing length and height using non-standard units of measurement. This will be followed by learning how to use language relating to time.

Our exploration of the composition of numbers will continue this half term with our focus being on the numbers 9 and 10, as well as being able to recall number bonds. We will finish this half term consolidating of knowledge of shapes and beginning to explore 3D shapes in more detail.

Literacy:

We will be continuing to follow the Monster Phonics programme and will be learning more phase 3 digraphs this half term. We are also developing our sight recall of High Frequency Words to improve children's fluency in reading, and this will be our focus in Friday's phonics sessions.

It will be world book day and we will celebrate by dressing up as our favourite characters, the staff are going as minions if you would like to join!

We will be exploring journeys and adventures through our focus book this half term 'Let's All Creep Through Crocodile Creek' by Jonathan Lambert. We will think about journeys we have personally been on and compare these to the characters in the story.



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the half term break. We are excited about the run up to Easter and have lots of exciting things planned for this half term, including our baby duckling project, World Book Day and the Easter Bonnet Parade.

Reading: The children are asked to read for 15 minutes daily – you should record in their Reading Record every time you hear them read. We also use the reading record to record reading at school, so please make sure that it is in the school bag every morning. This is one of the best ways you can support your child and their learning at school.

Evidence Me: We will be using Evidence Me to share your children's learning and these are uploaded on a weekly basis so you can see what your child has been up to. Please do continue to add information about your child and photos to Evidence Me to let us know your child's achievements at home. If you need any further details for how to log in or setting up an account, please contact the office at admin@peartreespring.herts.sch.uk.

Big Talk: We will be using Big Talk to develop our speaking skills, which in turn help us with writing. Our class mascots will continue to be sent home with a different child each week so that we can add photos and your child's comments to the mascots adventure books.

Please have a look at the Year R page on the school website. You will find curriculum information and photos of class activities. If you have any questions or concerns at all, please do not hesitate to speak to one of us.

Kind Regards,

Miss Rietzler, Miss Coleman & Miss Himsworth