

**Our learning this half term will follow the theme of “Me and my World” where we focus on people, places, plastic & pollution.**

## Characteristics of Effective Learning

### Playing & Exploring



We will be encouraging all the children to seek out challenges – what will you learn that's new/different to/more than you learnt yesterday?

### Active Learning



We will be encouraging all the children to keep on trying even when something feels difficult.

### Creating and thinking critically



We will be encouraging all the children to adapt & change when things are not working.

## Prime Areas of Learning

### Personal, Social & Emotional Development



We will be working on understanding and applying the school values. We will also develop ways to solve disagreements, learning to listen and negotiate with each other.

### Physical Development



We will be developing upper body & hand strength in P.E sessions using the large climbing equipment.

We will be working hard to develop pencil control and correct letter formation & begin sewing skills.

### Communication & Language



We will be encouraging all the children to extend their vocabulary based on a range of stories we will read & areas of interest that arise. We will encourage children to extend answers & responses by explaining why or how.

## Specific Areas of Learning

### Literacy



We will be reading stories like We're Going on a Bear Hunt, One World, One Plastic Bag and retelling them in the correct order. We will also look at non-fiction books about Africa, Rock Pools & Floating & Sinking. We will consolidate Phase 4 phonics skills & build reading fluency. We will be encouraging all the children to make up simple sentences and try to write them using phonics.

### Maths



#### Numbers

We will be investigating sharing amounts & using this to work out if it is odd or even. We will be counting forwards to 100 and counting backwards from 20. We will also work on saying 1 more/fewer.

**Shape, Space & Measures**  
We will work on various measures including mass & height, particularly focusing on the correct use of language.

### Understanding the World



We will be listening to and learning songs from Africa, and learning about this part of the world and its people & places.

We will focus on observing and noticing similarities, differences and changes in relation to people, places, animals, plants & more specifically exploring floating & sinking.

### Expressive Arts & Design



We will continue to encourage colour mixing at our paint station and learn to mix brown to paint African patterns. We will experience using watercolour paints too. Storytelling & role-play will be encouraged linked to stories and our interests. We will make music to match story events.