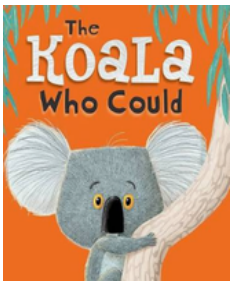
Week Commencing 21st September

This fortnight, our focus book will be The Koala Who Could by Rachel Bright and Jim Field. Through the story, we will be exploring feelings, friendships, trying new things and having the confidence to step outside of our comfort zones.



Communication & Language

Loud and Proud!

We will continue developing our Loud and Proud voices when we are in the carpet room. We will be encouraging the children to speak clearly, share their ideas and communicate appropriately with both adults and their friends.

We will also be practising listening to others, taking turns in conversations and responding to what our friends have said.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Thinking About Feelings & Being Kind

The Koala Who Could gives us lots of opportunities to think about our own feelings and the feelings of others. We will talk about how different situations can make us feel and explore ways that we can be kind, helpful and caring towards our friends. We will encourage the children to think about how their actions and words can make others feel.

Physical Development

Funky Fingers & Physical Fridays

Our Funky Fingers activities will continue to strengthen little hands and fingers, helping to develop the muscles needed for writing, drawing and other fine-motor activities.

On Physical Friday, we will be thinking about how our bodies move, following instructions and developing our ball skills. We will practise catching and passing balls, working on our coordination and control.

Literacy - Phonics & The Koala Who Could

We are continuing to develop our phonics knowledge. So far, we have learnt:

s - a - t - i

Next week, we will be learning:

p - n - ck - e

Ask your child about the new phonics songs they have been learning!

We will also enjoy exploring The Koala Who Could, talking about the characters, events and our own experiences.

Mathematics

Exploring Numbers to 5

We will be developing our understanding of numbers to 5, building on our counting skills and beginning to recognise and represent quantities.

The children will have lots of opportunities to use concrete resources to show their mathematical thinking, helping them to develop a secure understanding of number through practical, hands-on experiences.

Understanding the World

Who We Are & What Is Special to Us

During our RE lessons, we will be thinking about who we are and what is special and important to us. We will have opportunities to talk about ourselves, our families, the things that are important to us and what makes each of us unique.

Expressive Arts & Design

Creating, Exploring & Expressing Ourselves

We will be getting creative with self-portraits, thinking carefully about our features and the colours we need to represent ourselves.

We will also be exploring colour matching and colour mixing, discovering what happens when different colours are combined.

Of course, there will be lots of opportunities to enjoy singing nursery rhymes together too!

Outdoor Explorers

Creating with Nature

Our Outdoor Explorers sessions continue this week. We will be using our imaginations and creativity to create with natural resources.

We will explore what we can find outdoors and think about how we can use natural materials in different ways.

📅 Dates for the Diary

📖 22.09.26 – Reading & Phonics Parents' Meeting

Straight after school in the hall

We will share more information about how we teach reading and phonics in Reception and how you can support your child at home.

Children will stay in the classroom with the TAs during the meeting. Siblings are welcome to stay with them.

🔢 06.10.26 – Maths Parents' Meeting

Straight after school in the hall

We will explain how we develop mathematical understanding in Reception and share ideas for supporting your child's maths learning at home.

Children will stay in the classroom with the TAs during the meeting. Siblings are welcome to stay with them.

📸 09.10.26 – Individual School Photographs

Individual school photographs will take place during the school day.

🌾 09.10.26 – Harvest Craft Event

2.40pm in the hall

We look forward to welcoming you to our Harvest Craft Event. 🍂

💬 13.10.26 – Parents' Evening

1.00pm–7.00pm

Further information about appointment times will be shared in due course.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping to make your child's start to Reception such a happy and positive one. 💛

We hope you enjoy chatting with your child about everything they have been learning and exploring this week. We love hearing about their experiences from home too!

Have a lovely week!

The Reception Team 🌈💙💛