



Curious Creatures and Awesome Authors - Our Earth - Curious Creatures through the Just So Stories

Communication and Language

Learn and use key vocabulary. Introduction of presentational talk and talk detectives. Explanatory talk - e.g. giving opinion and reasons why things might happen. Using conjunctions. Continue to ask and respond to 'who', 'what' 'where', 'when' and 'why' questions. Understand and follow simple two-part instructions.

Physical Development

PE with Carmen: Listen, Dance, Perform - Perform dance using simple movement patterns.

Fine motor skills: Little Wandle non-cursive letter formation. Use tripod grip to hold pencils and pens. Explore cutting different materials. Use a range of small tools and techniques including joining using tabs, use different materials and fastenings (pipe cleaners, treasury tag, split pins), weaving.



Personal, social and emotional development

Zones of Regulation - emotions and feelings - selecting and applying the emotional regulation tools. Solve small conflicts. Strategies to support waiting for turns during independent play.

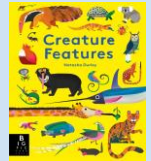
Living in the Wider World - The importance of an active lifestyle. Identify and understand basic feelings beginning to understand how others feel.

Literacy

Key Texts: World Book Day -The Midnight Fair by Gideon Sterer, Just So Stories - based on Ruyard Kipling, Creature Features (non-fiction).

Outcomes: Story writing, fact files, Character description, Write local area animal stories e.g. how the fox got his tail.

Phonics - Little Wandle Foundations for Phonics: oral blending and recognising initial sounds.



Mathematics

Understand that two equal groups can be called a 'double' and connect this to finger patterns. Sort odd and even numbers according to their 'shape'.

Continue to develop understanding of the counting sequence and link cardinality and ordinality through the 'staircase' pattern. Order numbers. Join in with verbal counts beyond 20, hearing the repeated pattern within the counting numbers.

Understanding the World

Learn about unfamiliar occupations, taking these on in roleplay. Easter: Concept- Celebrating New life. Understand what a world map is showing e.g. land and sea and locate the UK and say where they live. Name different countries in the world, understanding families and people come from different places. Concept of belonging and home- different to everyone. Order lifecycle of living things - babies and adult animals. Growing plants from seed or bulb, know what plants need to survive. Discuss physical and man made features. Associate the months with the changing seasons.

Expressive arts and design

Art Focus: Collage, key artist: Matisse -The Snail

Outcomes: Collage animal pictures - large-scale, collaborative animals paintings, replicating animals patterns in different ways. Animal mask making, junk model habitats, different habitats using different techniques i.e. inks, watercolours, collage, printing.

Holi-inspired paint splatter pictures.

Music lessons with Andrew - Bamboo Tamboo - drumming and percussion.

