Personal, Social and Emotion

In circle time we will be talking about how our actions affect others. This week in show and tell we will be talking about what we did during the half term break. During S&T the children will be encouraged to ask appropriate questions and listen carefully to their friends.

Communication and Language

This week we will be talking about what the children have done over the half term. We will be reading and talking about the story Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell. The children will come up with ideas for their own versions of the story. We will be talking about the different types of animals you might find at the zoo and the characteristics they display. They will be developing the skill of maintaining attention whilst doing something.

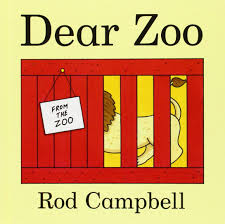
Physical Development

The children will be continuing to work on their dance skills with Mrs Smith on a Wednesday morning and Gymnastics on Friday morning with me. We will be working on developing our scissor skills. The children will be working on correctly forming the letter and capital letters R, S, T and U.

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Understanding of the World

The children will be learning how to use the iPod and docking station to choose music to sing, dance or just listen to.

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Literacy

We will be introducing the sounds ir, ou and oy. Look for the sound sheets coming home to help you practice these sounds. This week guided write will be writing a version of Dear Zoo and their news write up. We will be learning the names of the letters and the formation of capital letters. All of the children are now working in Guided Reading groups and will be heard this week.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will listen to the Going to the Zoo songs. They will be looking at colour mixing and creating shade of different colours. The children will be looking at the patterns on the zoo animals and using them for inspiration.

Parental Involvement Ideas

For Show and Tell this week if the children want to share what they did during the half term that would be lovely. If your child has any photographs, leaflet or brochures of places they have visited we would like to see them.

Mathematics

This week I will be assessing the children’s numeric understanding.

The children will be ordering the animals from dear zoo by weight and height. We will be talking about the attributes of different animals and talking about how we would sort them.