



Spring Term Reception Topic Overview 2025



"Our wonderful world...."

Overview:

This topic is all about exploring and learning about our wonderful, diverse world.

Throughout this topic we will be learning about wild animals and farm animals on our planet, including looking closely at their habitats. We will investigate what plants need to grow and keep healthy, and look for similarities and differences between trees and plants.

We will compare contrasting countries, thinking about what it is like to live in different countries. We will investigate our local area including the school grounds.

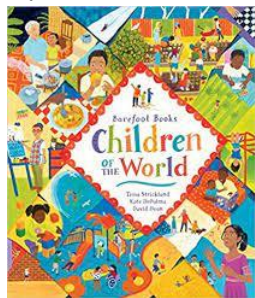


Key Vocabulary

World, country, compare, diversity, world, similar, different, habitat, ocean, land, global warming, growing, appearance,, species, predator, prey, lifecycle.

Focus texts for this term:

The Barefoot Book of Children



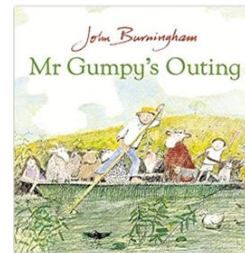
The Colour Monster



Let's save Antarctica

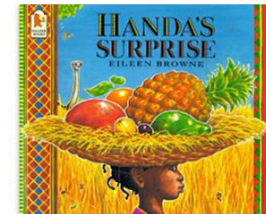


Mr Gumpy's outing



Key Vocabulary:
owned,
squabble,
tease, muck,
bleating,
trample,

Handa's Surprise:



tangy,

Key Vocabulary:
Delicious,
village, ripe,
spiky,
creamy,

Other areas of learning:

Spring Key facts

Antarctica



Key Facts

- Antarctica is an area of frozen land.
- Penguins, seals and Orca's live in Antarctica.
- It is the coldest and windiest place on the planet.
- People do not live in Antarctica.
- There are only the seasons of Winter and Summer in Antarctica

Key Vocabulary

icebergs, South Pole, Scientists, ice shelves, continent

Chinese New Year



Key Facts

- China is a country in Asia. Lots of people live there.
- Chinese New Year is a celebration
- People will clean their houses and decorate.
- Every year is named after 12 animals.
- Lion and dragon dancing bring good luck.

Key Vocabulary

China, celebration, lanterns, parade, fortune cookies, chopsticks

Kenya



Key Facts:

- Kenya is a country located in the continent of Africa.
- It lies on the equator.
- Some parts of Africa are tropical, some parts are very dry.
- Lots of different animals live in Kenya. Some of these animals are endangered.
- Most people in Kenya work in farming and growing crops. .

Key Vocabulary

Kenya, Africa, equator, tropical, endangered,

Personal, Social and Emotional.

- Sharing and taking turns
- Finding solutions to conflicts
- Beginning to solve conflicts independently.
- Talk about our feelings and understand how others are feeling.



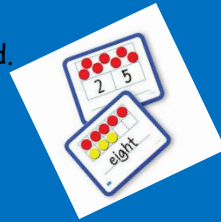
Literacy

- Read and high frequency and tricky words by sight.
- Segment and blend sounds in words together, e.g c-a-t.
- Read and write words containing **digraphs**
- Use known sounds to spell words.
- Write simple sentences with a finger spaces and full stops.



Maths

- Confident recognition and correct formation to 10 and beyond.
- Recalling number bonds to 5 and 10
- Compare numbers 1-10.
- Combining two groups of objects (addition)
- Recognise 3D shapes
- Explore length, height, time



Understanding the World

- Seasonal changes - Winter and Spring
- Comparing contrasting places (England and Antarctica)
- Lifecycles.
- Learning about and celebrating special events - Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day, Easter, Mother's Day.



Physical Development

- Fine motor: increase pencil control. Form letters using correct movements.
- Gross motor: Experiment with different ways of moving; skip, hop, jump, climb, crawl with control.



Communication and Language

- Maintain attention, concentrate and listen to longer stories.
- Answering why and how questions
- Expanding our vocabulary
- Retelling and sequencing stories
- Speaking in longer, clearer sentences.



Exploring and Using Media and Materials and Being Imaginative

- Printing with different objects.
- Creating 3D structures using a range of junk modelling.
- Drawing with increasing complexity and detail.
- Composing own songs.
- Playing instruments with control.



DON'T FORGET!!!

Monster Phonics - Please continue to read the allocated Monster Phonic book each week and practise the sight word flashcards sent home.

Letter join - please continue to use this app to help support your child with letter formation.

Letter-join 

