

Communication & Language

This half term, we will focus on expressing our ideas and feelings verbally, and we will encourage the children to offer explanations for why things might happen. This will help them build confidence in sharing their thoughts and develop their language skills in meaningful ways.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

The children will learn how to show an understanding of their own feelings and those of others, and begin to regulate their behaviour accordingly. As part of this learning, the children will explain the reasons for rules. The children will also be working towards simple goals including being able to wait for what they want.

Physical Development

In our 'green area', outside, we will focus on developing new physical skills. The children will learn to safely navigate space and obstacles while building overall body strength, coordination, balance, and agility. This hands-on approach will help them gain confidence in their physical abilities while having fun outdoors.

Reception – Summer 1

Animals

Summer Term

This half term, we will be exploring the fascinating world of animals! We will learn about how animals live, how their young grow, and why it is important to care for them. Our stories will be connected to this theme, and we will also read non-fiction texts about rainforests, deserts and the life cycles of different animals. To make our learning more interactive, we have set up safari and rainforest role-play areas in the classrooms, as well as animal habitats outside. This will provide an opportunity for the children to engage with the natural world in a fun and exciting way.

The children will continue to develop their number skills, focusing on addition and subtraction, quick recall number bonds to 5 and some to 10, and recognising numerals to 20 and beyond.

We will also work on strengthening the children's reading and writing skills over the coming term. Thank you for supporting them as they write simple phrases and sentences that they can read aloud with confidence.

Wider Curriculum

Outdoor Learning:

We will continue to care for our planting area, maintaining our plant beds and observing the growth process.

Health and Wellbeing:

Our focus will be on practicing breathing techniques to help manage emotions and promote relaxation. We will also explore new yoga poses to encourage mindfulness, balance, and flexibility, helping the children develop both physical and mental wellbeing. We will be continuing to discuss the zones of regulation.

Maths

This half term, the children will explore and represent patterns within numbers up to 10, including evens and odds, double facts and how quantities can be distributed equally. We will continue to develop our understanding of patterns.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any queries about your child's progress. The year group email is receptionclass@rockmount.croydon.sch.uk

Useful links: [Development Matters](#)
[Rockmount Primary School - Reception](#)
[Rockmount Primary School - Curriculum](#)