Understanding the world

Our main focus this half term is Elephants. We will be learning all about Elephants including where they come from. This will lead us into looking at Africa, learning about the countries in Africa and comparing our life to life in Africa.

Communication and language

We are focusing on the children telling longer stories this half term. We will continue to have many opportunities for the children to share news, share opinions and views. This will encourage the children to become more confident speakers.

Expressive Arts and Design

This half term we will be connecting our art and design with our topic. We will be looking at some art linked to Africa. We will be looking at different animal prints, patterns and colours used in African clothing.

We will be attempting to create an African sunset/sun rise using water colours. We will be showing the children colour blending and colour gradients to achieve the sunset.

Physical Development

This half term we will be focusing on our bodies.

We will be observing the effects of exercise on our bodies in more detail.

We will also be continuing to build strong muscles in our hands to improve fine motor. We will be doing this through many tricky fingers activities We are going to continue improving our scissor skills.

Music

This half term we will be moving to music. We will be moving our bodies like animals we would find in Africa.

We are also going to be listening to some authentic African music and look at some traditional African dance.

Maths

This half term we will have 3 main focuses for Maths. They will be weight, capacity and positional language. The children will have plenty of opportunities to explore these concepts. However, we will continue to have a strong focus with number. We will have daily counting, number recognition and Subitising.

PSHE/RE

This half term we will be starting our topic of ‘Changing Me’. This will include

* Naming my body parts
* How I have changed from a baby to now.
* Things I can do now that I couldn’t do as a baby.
* I will think about how I feel moving into Reception.
* I will think about my favourite moments in Nursery

Literacy

Our story focus this half term is Elmer the Elephant. We will be reading the story and talking about the title, the blurb, the characters, the author, the illustrator etc. We are then going to focus on what is a sentence. We will be using a selection of picture cues to say a sentence together. We will then build up to attempting to write a sentence.