

Outcomes and events for Autumn: Feelings and Emotions/ Space

During the first half term we meet all the important people at Barnes Primary. Mr Hartley the head teacher comes to visit and tells us about the work he does in the school. We get to know Barnes Bear very well; he sets us lots of challenges and helps us with our learning. As he is a travelling bear he comes home with a different child each weekend, then the whole class sits together to hear all about his adventures the next week.



We bring in something that is very special to us to share with our home group. We explain what it is and why it is so precious to us. This helps us to speak clearly and confidently in front of our classmates. It's fun getting to learn more about our new friends



At the end of our feelings and emotions topic we think about what we would like to be when we grow up. Some of our mummies and daddies come into class to talk about their jobs, their uniforms and the things they have to do. We then have a fun fancy dress day Where we all come to school dressed up as what we want to be when we are adults.



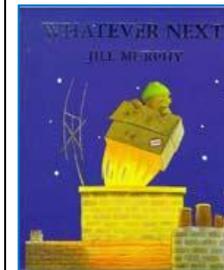
During our space topic we make our own space rockets using many different media and materials; wooden blocks, junk modelling, plasticine and natural objects. But the most exciting is when we create rockets that actually launch by mixing Berocca tablets with water...3, 2, 1, blast off!



We learn all about the wonders of the universe when a mobile planetarium comes to visit the school. We sit in a dark domed tent and see galaxies, stars and planets shining all around us. It is so awe inspiring, that we then create our own solar system using paper mache, glitter and paint.



We read lots of non-fiction and fiction books about space. We especially enjoy reading 'The Man on the Moon', 'The Aliens are Coming' and 'Whatever Next'. We re-enact the story of 'Whatever Next' by building our own space rocket, putting on our space suits and going for a nursery space picnic.



Outcomes and events for Spring: Fantasy/ Animals

We go on our first trip out of school! This involves going on an expedition to Barnes Pond to see if we can spot any of the fantasy characters from the Fairytales that we have been reading. We keep our eyes peeled for mermaids or pirates on the pond and check in the reeds for the Ugly Duckling. Then we record what we have seen before stopping for a picnic.



During the fantasy topic we learn many different traditional fairytales. We get to know the stories really well, by reading the varying versions of the story and creating our own story booklets. We also act them out on the stage, using the puppets and in the fairytale castle role play area. Then a touring theatre company comes to school and puts on a show just for us. We love to get involved with the production!



We take part in the schools Arts Week at the end of term. This is a chance for us to be really creative for a whole week. We produce beautiful artwork that we display in our classroom and at the school exhibition.



During our topic on animals we consider different animals from all around the world; farm animals, pets, polar animals, mini beasts and animals you might see on safari. We watch the opening scene from the 'Lion King', observing how all of the different animals move. We then create our own interpretative dances to 'The Circle of Life', swooping like the birds, leaping like the antelope and prowling like the lions.



We love caring for animals in our Barnes Veterinary Centre role play area. To help us learn more about keeping pets healthy a vet comes to visit us in school. He teaches us all about the nursery guinea pigs Bert and Erne; where they come from, what they like to eat and how to wash them and trim their claws.



When we look at polar animals such as polar bears, penguins, reindeer, arctic foxes and hares we watch clips from Sir David Attenborough's wonderful documentary 'Frozen Planet'. We then consider how important it is for us to take care of the animals in our world and learn about the importance of becoming sustainable citizens in order to protect them. We demonstrate our drawing and writing skills by making posters campaigning to save the polar bears from the melting ice caps.



Outcomes and events for Summer: Changes/ Around the world

During our changes topic we think a lot about growth. We start by looking at plant growth and enjoy putting our wellies on to plant



our allotment full of delicious vegetables. We demonstrate our good writing and drawing skills by creating labels for all that we have planted. It is then our responsibility to care for the allotment; we collect water from the rain butt daily and dig out any weeds.

We then look at animal growth and change. We study the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' before buying a pot of baby caterpillars that are only a few millimetres long. We watch closely each day as they grow, build themselves a catalyst and then hatching into beautiful butterflies. We keep them in a butterfly house for a few days and feed them fruit before realising them into the nursery garden. Sometimes they land on us for a few minutes before flying off into the big wide world.



Finally we consider how we have changed. We all bring a picture in of when we were a baby and try to guess whose baby picture belongs to whom. We then watch a slide show of pictures from when we first started at nursery and consider how much we have grown since then. We also think about the things we need to grow up to be big and strong and so learn about healthy eating and the importance of exercise.



During our around the world topic we visit many different countries and learn about their cultures and traditions. We

taste their foods, look at their history and learn about their landscapes. To mark the end of our tour of the world we host our own flag parade in the playground, using flags that we have made ourselves throughout the topic.

During the last few weeks of nursery we go on our first full day school trip. We spend a long time planning and looking forward to it and always enjoy every aspect of the day; the coach journey, taking a packed lunch and the sights of where we are visiting of course! It is always one of our most exciting and memorable days at nursery.



To celebrate all our achievements and how much we have grown and learnt in nursery we put on a graduation ceremony production for our parents to come and watch. We have lots of fun practicing this before hand and are always very proud to sing and perform for our mummies and daddies. At the end we receive a certificate from Mr Hartley and the class teachers. Then we have a party in the classroom with all the teachers and the parents.

