



Me and My Personal Development

Class 3 will be focusing on ourselves - all about me, as they settle into their new classroom. We will look at what makes us special and unique, using ideas and inspiration from our Big Book, Ronald the Rhino, thinking about our favourite things and people, and what we are good at. In all areas of the curriculum the children will continue to learn to make choices and request using their own communication systems as well as learning to find their own way to different parts of the school. They will also take part in weekly touch and taste sessions where they learn to touch, smell and taste foods that might be unfamiliar to them and to broaden the range of foods they are prepared to try, or at least touch!

Class 3 will continue to develop their own self-help skills including dressing and undressing skills, more independent eating, as well as learning to be increasingly independent in skills such as hanging up their own coats and bags and finding their diaries in their bags to give to class staff.

Me and My Communication

Our Big Book this term is Ronald the Rhino, who discovers that he is unique. We will use the story to discover what makes us all special and unique and think about what we like and are good at. We will focus on listening, exploring props and identifying and matching symbols or photos from the story, and developing early reading and writing skills related to the story. Each child has a word or symbol mat to find items related to the story as they listen.

We will play a listening game based on animal sounds. Children will be encouraged to make the sound of a jungle animal, such as 'ssss' for a snake, 'roar' for a tiger or 'oo-oo' for a monkey.

Children in Class 3 will continue to develop their own individual communication systems when making choices, requests and commenting in their learning and play throughout the curriculum.

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Me and My Creativity

Class 3's imaginative play will be encouraged throughout the day with the use of role play areas, such as our small world role play area of jungle animals including a rhino wash where they wash the mud off the rhinos!

They will also explore colour mixing, using black and white paint and the children will explore what happens when the colours are mixed together. The children will paint a picture of Ronald the Rhino using their own shade of grey paint.

They will listen to some tracks from the 'Carnival of the Animals' by Camille Saint-Saëns, and be encouraged to create movements to match the music and the animals. They can use some bucket stilts to be elephants or rhinos. Class 3 will have weekly music and singing sessions with the ukulele where they make choices about their favourite songs and develop their sense of rhyme and rhythm as well as body awareness by joining in with the rhythms by clapping, different movements and the use of percussion instruments.

Me and My Mathematical Development

Class 3 will work on their understanding of number in a variety of play and practical situations, such as with small world animal toys (e.g. rhinos, leopards, snakes, elephants and tigers), which will be used for a variety of counting, addition and subtraction activities.

The children will work with small world animal toys to weigh along with a balance scale. We will encourage the children to talk about the weight of the animals using language such as 'heavy', 'heavier' and 'heaviest'.

They will look for rhinos hidden in places around the class and outside. We will talk about where Ronald is hiding using positional language, describe e.g. 'Ronald is under the sand tray', 'Ronald is in the flower bed' or 'Ronald is at the top of the slide.'



Me and My Physical Development

Each week we swim in our wonderful hydrotherapy pool and build on water confidence skills, learn to improve technique and be confident in the water. The children also have the opportunity for regular soft play sessions, to develop gross motor skills with advice and support from physios where appropriate.

We work regularly in class on fine motor skills, such as threading, playdough, painting and messy play.

We hope the weather will allow us to go outside and continue practising using bikes and scooters, and to use the big playing field with trampolines, swings and climbing apparatus.

Class 3 also have weekly PE sessions with Sean where they are doing games – including throwing and catching skills and learning to stop and listen on command!



How you can help at home

Our Big Book this term is Ronald the Rhino, with our Topic focus on Ourselves- All About Me

Look at your child's All About Me Booklet with them, talk about their choices for what they are good at and like doing.

If you have chance to visit Whipsnade Zoo and meet real Rhinos face to face that would be great. Nothing like seeing the real thing! Take lots of photos; we'd love copies for school.

It's always helpful to give your child the opportunity to help with tasks around the home, however small, for example putting their cup /plate back in the sink when they have finished (as we do after snack time at school)

Encourage your child to be as independent as possible in their choices, if your child needs symbols or photos to support their learning at home we'll be happy to provide them. Encourage imaginative play. Any small world play using animals will support what we are doing at school.

Children love to be outside and it's always a great place to learn and to get the exercise needed to keep healthy. If you can get to the woods, or a park, and let us know, that would be great.

We love to hear what your child has been doing at home, so any comment, however small, in the home school diary would be really helpful.

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Thank you for your continued support

Any queries please contact the Class 3 team.

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Me and My Understanding of the World.

Class 3 have a daily class assembly where we learn to take part in a time of stillness and silence which is signalled by lights off and a candle. The children are also learning to say our class prayer as well as to celebrate their own and others' achievements and special occasions such as birthdays.

Class 3 are learning to develop their technology skills through the use of cause and effect toys such as the Beebot. They will practise their switch or mouse skills and enjoy a variety of cause and effect toys and programmes.