

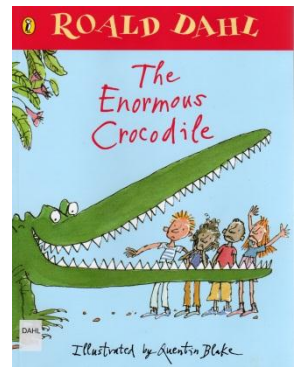
Class R's Learning Letter

Last half term the children really enjoyed learning about the world around them and what it might be like to live on the different continents. They particularly liked the African story of Handa's Surprise, which follows the story of a little girl who takes a basket of exotic fruit to her friend Akeyo, who lives in the neighbouring village. As part of this story we created a huge display of the different characters from the story. I was very impressed with how well the children work together to paint each of the animals, as you can see from the photographs below!



As you already know this half term features our exciting whole school topic all about the life and work of Roald Dahl. As part of this topic there will be many exciting things going on from dressing as a Roald Dahl character for World Books Day (Thursday 2nd March) to creating large Roly-Poly birds on the school grounds - we will keep you posted!

In literacy, we will be focussing on Roald Dahl's story of *The Enormous Crocodile*. As part of these sessions we will be looking at the creative language used throughout the text and we will use this to create a range of literacy activities. The children were introduced to the text today and they were very excited to discuss what the crocodile's cunning plan might be.



In mathematics, we will continue to practise counting and ordering our numbers to 20, in addition to solving mathematical number problems, such as doubling, halving and sharing. In the next few weeks we will introduce the concept of time where we will be practising telling the time in 'o'clock' before moving on to learning about 'half-past' the hour.

In PE, Mrs Graham will be teaching the children gymnastics and as part of these sessions the children will be taught how to use our new wall apparatus, which is very exciting! For safety reasons please could you make sure your child has an indoor kit consisting of shorts and t-shirt. Although we are not planning on teaching PE outside this half-term it is always useful to also bring jogging bottoms, a jumper and trainers in your child's PE, in case we need to go outside - thank you.

Finally, the last week of this half term we will be having Easter fun! This will include learning about the Easter story as well as engaging in Easter related activities. Mrs Hollingshead also plans to put a few eggs in the school incubator, so hopefully, in the next few weeks we should have our very own hatching Easter chicks!

As always, thank you for your continued support and I look forward to meeting with you at parents evening in a few weeks.

Miss Tarrant