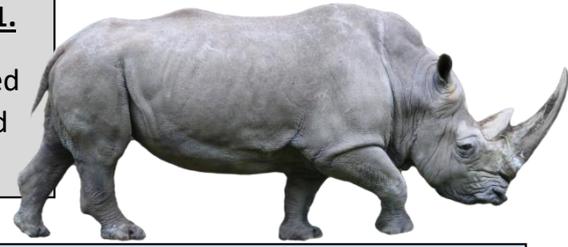




Welcome to Rhinos Autumn term 1.

We are so excited to have a fun filled half-term ahead, full of learning and teamwork!



English

Our focus will be on reading, with regular phonics sessions to rehearse our sounds and word reading. We will introduce a 'word of the day' to help broaden our vocabulary. We will have regular handwriting sessions, working on letter families, and we will begin to use these times to practise our spellings.

Maths

We will follow our Abacus maths scheme, beginning with counting, simple addition and number bonds. We will revisit money, thinking about different amounts we can make with coins. We will also look at measuring, including telling the time, before working on some simple subtraction.

Science

We will be exploring materials, thinking about what different objects are made from and why. We will discuss different words that we can use to describe various materials.

We will investigate the different properties of materials, deciding what would work best to keep our class rhino dry in a rainstorm. We will test our ideas to see if we were right!

History

We will focus on changes within living memory, talking about toys that we have now and toys that were used in the past. We will look at similarities and differences. We will link this to our science by looking at what materials toys were made from in the past.

Geography

We will use our lovely school grounds for some fieldwork, asking and answering questions about what is growing and what wildlife we have.

We will look at aerial maps and create our own of our school.

Religious Education

We will be talking about God and how Christians believe God created the world. We will look at Bible stories and what they teach us about God and Jesus.

We will learn about Harvest time and write a prayer to say 'thank you' for all that we have.

P.E.

Our focus will be on outdoor games. We will work on our throwing and catching skills, using these to make up our own games.

We will talk about why exercise is important and how it helps us to stay healthy.

Art and Music

With a focus on Harvest, we will explore drawing and printing. We will look carefully, drawing what we see and choosing colours carefully.

We will sing and listen to music, thinking about the different instruments that we can hear. We will introduce a 'composer of the week', listening to and talking about some of their music.

Relationship and Health Education

We will focus on kindness, one of our core federation values, as we talk about how we get along, make friends and share.

We will also introduce 'The Zones of Regulation', using the four colour zones to help us describe how we are feeling inside.