

LEARNING PREVIEW

Heath Class - Summer Term 1

English Week

09/05/2016 - 13/05/2016

How our learning will link to our children's lives, interests and experiences

- The whole school is celebrating English with an inspiring book called 'Little Beauty' by Anthony Browne. We will be using this book to plan a variety of activities related to the story and introduce other books by this author.
- The book covers a wide range of possible areas to explore with the children. In Heath class we will be looking at friendship and what makes us unique, how the story is based upon a real gorilla called Koko, emotions and how they can be represented by colour, how to communicate and the use of sign language.
- During PSE, we will explore in more detail how we are unique and will talk about some of the similarities and differences in relation to friends and family. We will talk about our own feelings and know that some actions and words can hurt others feeling just like the gorilla in the story.

How our learning will link to the wider world

To stimulate our thinking during English week, we will read and discuss the story of 'Little Beauty' and watch some clips on the gorilla it is based upon. We will also look at other stories such as 'One Gorilla' and 'Gorilla' by the same author.

- We will begin by looking at and discussing 'Little Beauty'
- We will learn about sign language and learn to sing and sign some songs such as 'Old McDonald' and other nursery rhymes
- We will talk about emotions and link some of our emotions to colours like the author uses in the story
- We will make up our own emotion song and make a colour emotion wheel
- We will look at how the gorilla deals with his anger and relate this to how we feel when we are angry
- We will look at changes in facial expressions when we are happy, sad, angry and upset. We will use mirrors to watch our own faces.
- We will talk about how we communicate and how it is different to the gorilla in the story and Koko the gorilla
- We will use the 'One Gorilla' book to relate our learning to numbers in the environment

Books

Little Beauty

One Gorilla

Gorilla

By Anthony Browne

Beauty and the Beast

Books that talk about feelings

Sing-a-long with us!

If you're happy and you know it -
we will make up our own version
using other feelings

The Feelings Song

Mr Tumble's Nursery Rhymes at
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/something-special-nursery-rhyme-compilation>

Ideas

Listen to 'Little Beauty' at
<http://prod.signedstories.com/story-world/families-friendships/little-beauty> and watch 'A Conversation with Koko',
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SNuZ4OE6vCk>.

You may like to make a colour
emotion wheel.

REMEMBER The book introduces the children to the use of sign language as a powerful means of communication, please use this opportunity to raise awareness of sign language. Makaton is a spoken sign language which is used in Something Special on CBeebies where there is a wealth of information.

Also we love to celebrate your child's 'Magic Moments' with you. If your child has achieved something wonderful outside of school, please write it on the Magic Moment note and send it to school.