

# Learning Preview Verulam Class

## Summer Term 1 2016

### English Week

Dates - WB 9/5/16

Mr Wilson

Supported by Mrs Randall

#### 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 Verulam class we will be learning to describe our feelings and find ways to resolve them, to discuss our ideas and use 'because' to give reasons (as we discuss the good and bad things about zoos), how the story is based upon a real gorilla called Koko, and how to communicate, especially with the use of sign language.
- During PSE 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 simple songs
- We will talk about emotions and link some of our emotions to colours like the author uses in the story
- 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

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Gorilla

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Beauty and the Beast

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#### Ideas

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# Learning Preview Clarence Class

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Miss Passey

Supported by Mrs Wackett and Mrs Dale

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# Learning Preview Heartwood Class

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Mrs Greenhalgh and Mrs Fenner

Supported by Miss Earnshaw

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