

Welcome!
Our Class Newsletter
Class: Orca
Date: Spring Term 2023



Happy New Year and welcome back!

Everyone in the EYFS team would like to thank all parents and carers for their cards, presents and well wishes before the Christmas holiday and we hope you had a wonderful break. We are very much looking forward to the new term and it has been great to see the children return with smiles on their faces and hear what they have been up to!

Communication and Language

This term we will continue to develop the children's vocabulary - learning new words from the books we read and the things we observe during forest schools. During our adult directed activities we will be supporting the children to develop their attention span. We will be doing this through encouraging children to listen and respond appropriately. In planning time, we will be encouraging the children to share their own ideas, and to listen to their friend's.



PSED

We will continue to develop an understanding of our class rules. We will earn team points for following our behavioural expectations and work as a team to earn apples on our tree to aim to gain a treat. We will also continue to develop confidence and independence. We will also be looking at how to be a good friend to everyone. As part of our topic, 'Fairy tales', we will also be looking at how our choices can affect others and discussing different characters emotions at different parts of the story.



Physical Development

For the Orcas, outdoors is simply an extension of our curriculum so we would ask you to bring extra clothing each day to allow your child to benefit from all-weather experiences. Outdoors is full of fascinating and interesting experiences, large building bricks, seesaws, scooters and imaginative play. Please remember to bring a change of clothes as sometimes, your child may become wet during forest school sessions.

Literacy

We will be sharing lots of stories relating to our themes of 'Into the Woods' and 'Land Before Time.' We will allow the children to become familiar with these texts and encourage them to begin to develop their own story language through play.

Children will continue to bring home their library books each week. Please read these each day with your child and return this book each Thursday, to ensure your child receives a Red Ted stamp!



Mathematics

In mathematics, we will have lots of fun saying number rhymes and exploring numbers within our play. Children will explore shapes, naming and describing 2D shapes and using 2D and 3D shapes to make pictures and build models. This can be supported by pointing out numbers and shapes as you walk about. Please use the vocabulary of big, small, round, flat, long, short and tall.



Learning Challenges

In our first half term, we will be exploring our theme of 'Into the Woods.' We will share lots of traditional tales, as well as some mixed up alternative versions. We may also be visited by some of our favourite characters from our stories.

In the second half term, our theme will be 'Land Before Time.' We will explore the different species of dinosaurs and learn which ones are carnivores, herbivores or omnivores.



Dates for your diary

Every Wednesday AM & Friday PM – Forest Schools Sessions

13th - 19th February – Half Term

Baking fund - We do ask for a voluntary contribution of 50p per week to fund baking activities, which can be placed in the moneybox on the cupboard, thank you. Sometimes we have things that we eat straight away in Nursery, like bagels, porridge and we taste different fruits and vegetables.



Many thanks for your support and cooperation