








Welcome!
Our Class Newsletter
Class: Orca
Date: Spring Term 2024



<p style="text-align: center;">Learning Challenges</p> <p>In our first half term, we will be exploring our theme of 'Protecting What is Precious.' Within this theme, we will be exploring how the different seasons affect where we and nature live. We will also be looking at what we can do to protect our planet.</p> <p>In the second half term, our theme will be 'Fairy tales.' 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.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Communication and Language</p> <p>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.</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">PSED</p> <p>We will continue to develop an understanding of 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, ensuring all children understand who they can ask for help when it is needed. We will also be looking at how to be a good friend to everyone. As part of our topic, 'Protecting What is Precious', we will also be looking at how we can help animals as the seasons have begun to change.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Physical Development</p> <p>For the Orca, 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.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Literacy</p> <p>We will be sharing lots of stories relating to our themes of 'Protecting What is Precious' and 'Fairy tales.' We will allow the children to become familiar with these texts and encourage them to begin to develop their own story language through play.</p> <p>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 RedTed stamp!</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Mathematics</p> <p>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.</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">Attendance</p> <p>Please make sure your child arrives in school for 8.45am. If you have any messages please pass them to the Assistant Teacher on the door and they will inform the class teacher.</p> <p>Please try to avoid medical/dental appointments during the school day and avoid taking holidays in term time. If your child is unwell, please ring school on 01904 806655 before 9am and let us know.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Dates for your diary Every Wednesday AM & Friday PM – Forest Schools Sessions</p> <p>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 taste different fruits and vegetables.</p> 

Many thanks for your support and cooperation