

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



Learning Challenges



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.

In the second half term, our theme will be '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.

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. We will be slightly extending the times that the children will be taking part in adult directed activities - which will help to develop their attention span. In planning time, we will be encouraging listening to other's ideas and asking questions to discover more about their games.



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, 'Protecting What is Precious', we will also be looking at how we can help animals as the seasons have begun to change, as well as looking at how we can protect the Earth.

Physical Development

This term our aim is to ensure that the children have the motor control to help them with their writing. We will be encouraging them to take part in activities that involve using scissors, tools and equipment that require good control such as threading and using tweezers. When writing and drawing with your child at home, please ensure that they are holding their pen / pencil / paintbrush with the correct pencil grip. We will continue to be very physically active, both in the outdoor area and during forest schools sessions.



Literacy

In literacy children will begin to learn new phonemes which are made using two letters such as 'ee' and 'ai' we will be sending these home to practise as the children become more familiar with them. They will learn how to use these sounds to read and write simple words and sentences. Children will continue to bring home their individual reading books. Please read these each day with your child and return this book each Thursday, to ensure your child receives a RedTed stamp!



Mathematics

This term we will be building on the children's prior knowledge of 1 -5, becoming confident in adding and subtracting, sharing and solving number problems. Later in the term we will extend this to understanding numbers 6 -10, where we will be counting, ordering and calculating with these numbers. We will also be learning about shapes naming and exploring 3D shapes and talking about their properties.



Attendance



Please make sure your child arrives in school for **8.45am and is picked up promptly at 3.215pm**. If you have any messages please pass them to the Assistant Teacher on the door and they will inform the class teacher.

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.

Dates for your diary

Every Friday - Forest Schools
Every Tuesday from 3pm – Parents/carers invited in for 'Busy Books.'
Tuesdays 2-3 – Family Learning Workshops (Please ask your teacher for more details)
Thursday 1st February – Seasons Walk Trip (West Bank Park)

Many thanks for your support and cooperation