



Spring Term 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! I am looking forward to the exciting work we have got planned this half term.

It is always a pleasure to hear your children read, they are enjoying our reading sessions which allows the children to discuss a book and develop their comprehension skills. We do a daily phonics session which teaches the children the skills of learning to read. I would like to thank you for your continued support with reading as this is such a vital skill for your children to learn. Please continue to read 5 times every week at home and remember to sign the reading diary. Reading folders need to be in school every day. If your child reads at home more than 4 times in the week they receive a certificate in our Monday assembly.

Our topic is 'The Enchanted Woodland.' We will be reading a range of stories around this theme. If your child has a book or a poem that fits in with this theme and would like to bring it in to share with the class they are more than welcome to

This is what your child will be learning over this half term;

English -We are working hard to develop our writing skills and will be continuing to practise our formation regularly. In order to master the orientation, correct size and position on the line. We will be reading the traditional tale of 'Little Red Riding Hood' and writing our own stories set in the woods. We will also be writing a list poem using our senses inspired by the woods.

Maths - We will be learning about shape, patterns, length and height. We will begin to look at numbers to 40. Maths activities will continue to have a strong practical element. Children are encouraged to apply the skills they learn and to challenge themselves within lessons. The children continue to have a maths session after lunch to develop their skills and fluency.

Science will be learning about everyday materials. We will be sorting and grouping different sorts of materials and learning about their properties. We will be comparing different materials and investigating what materials would be most suitable for a particular purpose. It is always good to take the time to be curious about the world we live in.

Computing - We will be learning to use a paint programme to produce images of the woods.

Art- We will be painting. Learning about colour mixing and looking at the work of artists Claude Monet, Gustave Klimt and David Hockney. We will take inspiration from nature and work to create an imaginative woodland scene.

PSHE- During these sessions we will be thinking about our dreams and goals.

Geography- We are focussing on locational knowledge of the 'Great British Isles.'

Music- These sessions will be concentrating on creating, collecting and combining sounds. The children will play untuned instruments to create sounds for the story of 'Little Red, Riding Hood.'

RE- In week 4 of this term we will be having a RE week. During this time the children will be learning about stories that have a moral. Looking at ways to show we care for others and why this is important.

We will continue to have PE on a Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Please make sure a full PE kit is in school for every lesson. Some session may take place outside so appropriate kit will be necessary. It needs to be labelled clearly to avoid any mix up. Earrings should be removed or they can be covered with tape.

As the weather is very cold at the moment and we do go outdoors please provide a warm coat, hat and gloves every day.

The school website and instagram are ways to see some of the work that is happening in school.

Finally, if you have any queries please come and see me. I am always happy to help.

Thank you for all your support.

Miss Yeoman