

Welcome to the Autumn term!



Our first theme this year is 'The Enchanted Woodland.'

This topic has a science theme- which focuses on learning about plants, flowers, trees and creatures found in the woodland habitat.

The children will begin this new topic by looking at books which have been set in the woods and discussing words to describe them, by answering the following questions:

- What might you see?
- How might you feel?
- What might you hear?
- What do the woods look like?

Author of the term

We will be using some of the books written by Julia Donaldson, including 'The Gruffalo' and 'The Gruffalo's Child'. Maurice Sendak's classic book, 'Where The Wild Things Are' is another text we shall be using.



School Visit

As part of our topic, we will be hoping to take the children to Doncaster Forest School to support this term's theme. During this visit the children will have the opportunity to :

- Build shelters for the characters;
 - Take part in a Gruffalo's treasure hunt;
 - Collect natural materials to create artwork;
 - Explore different habitats.
- We will inform you of dates and times presently.

Understanding the Arts

We will be exploring the artwork of Andy Goldsworthy. The children will use natural objects, e.g. leaves, conkers and twigs to create their own versions of his work. The children will also be using photography to capture images of their artwork.

Geography

In Geography, we will be exploring our local Environment. We will be making maps of an imaginary woodland.

Science

Identifying and classifying plants and animals will form the basis of our learning in Science. We will investigate how animals use camouflage to blend into their environment. We will also consider why plants have different leaves.

Design and Technology

Designing and creating shelters to protect outdoor artwork installations will be the main focus of our work in DT. We will also use clay to create woodland "Boggarts".

English Fiction

During this half term the children will:

- Explore the features of poetry;
- Retell stories, ordering events using story language;
- Identify the main events and characters in stories;
- Act out their own and well-known stories, using voices for characters;
- Recognise and use alternative ways of pronouncing the graphemes already taught;

English Non-fiction

We will use information books to find out about woodland plants and creatures and create our own information texts.

Maths

In Numeracy this half term, the children will:

- Use reasoning skills to sort objects;
- Read and write numerals from 0 to 20 and beyond;
- Become more familiar with place value;
- Recall all pairs of numbers with a total of 10;
- Begin to count on or back in ones, twos, fives and tens.

How you can help at home

- Ensure that all homework tasks are completed and returned promptly;
- Read the given RWI book nightly with your child and return it in a good condition;
- Make sure your child brings their home-school liaison book each day.



*** Reminders ***

PE kits

Each week your child will participate in both indoor and outside PE sessions. Children need to bring PE kits to school on Monday and leave it in school until Friday.

All children must have appropriate PE kit and should not wear ANY jewellery including earrings.

School times

The Year 1 doors are open from 8:40am and morning activities are prepared to allow the children to consolidate their learning in all areas of the curriculum. You are invited to stay and help your child with their activities. The school doors are closed at 9am and the children's day officially begins. Please ensure your child is in school for 9 o'clock so they do not miss any of their learning.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school each day. It is important that your child is hydrated so that they can learn effectively.

Uniform

Please ensure your child is dressed in the correct school uniform of dark blue jumper or cardigan with grey trousers or skirt, and black sensible shoes. As the weather is turning colder and wetter, your child will need a warm coat with a hood. Earrings must be studs only and not hoops.

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