

Reception Newsletter

Summer Term 1 2018

This half term our theme is 'Into the Woods'.

This half term I would like to set a home learning project! It is to design and make your very own woodland habitat. You should include the plants and animals that would live there and your child should be prepared to talk about it. It can be a 2D or 3D model and can be made from paper, card, boxes, pom-poms etc or anything that you can lay your hands on! The more creative the better!



Personal, Social & Emotional Development

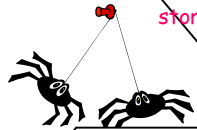
We are learning to:

- Listen and speak in familiar and unfamiliar groups.
 - Work alongside others.
 - Take turns and share fairly.
- Understand what is right, wrong and why.
- Be kind and caring towards others.

Expressive Arts and Design

We are going to:

In our role-play area we will continue to let the children lead their learning by following their own interests and fascinations. We will support them by enhancing it with the resources that they feel they may need. Learn lots of new songs and rhymes about the woods, our core stories as well as minibeasts and growing. Make models/objects linked to different story character. Use play dough to make mini-beasts. Make mod roc mini-beasts.



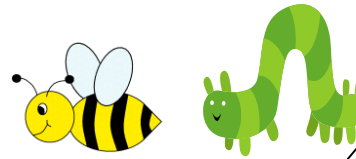
Physical Development

We are learning to:

- Move different parts of our bodies as we carry out gymnastic activities.
- Move to music and make own routine for the Hungry Caterpillar
To play /make up simple dances to mini-beast music.
- PE is on a Thursday so please make sure your child has their kit in school and that their name is in every piece of clothing.

Please support us at home by listening to your child read and making a comment in their reading record. Also keep practising using numbers to 20. Encourage your child to recognise, write and order them. If you want any further ideas on how to support your child's learning please don't hesitate to ask.


Into the Woods



Understanding the World -

We are learning to: To grow plants and observe changes by keeping a growing diary. To learn about how environments can differ and how plants and animals are able to live in them. Observe different plant and mini-beast life cycles. Explore a range of materials and habitats. Programme the bee bots and use a range of technology.

Dates for your diaries

- Week commencing Monday 14th May 2018 all home learning projects to be in school.
- Elmer Day to be celebrated during the Month of May.
- A Bee Keeper Visit (planned to take place during May - TBC)
 - Friday 25th May - Break up for the school holiday! 

Literacy

We are learning to:

- Read and explore a variety of stories including: 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and 'Superworm'.
- Look at non-fiction books about the Woods, ponds, mini-beast and life cycles.
- Act out the stories using small world, masks and puppets.
 - Learn to read and write simple sentences. Please encourage your child to write at home using the graphemes, phonemes and tricky words that we have learnt so far this year.

Mathematics

We are learning to:

- Solve number problems including doubling halving and sharing.
 - To count in twos, fives and tens.
- Explore the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, naming and talking about their features.
- To make pictures, repeating patterns and explore symmetry.
- Learn about money and use it in practical contexts to pay and give change using amounts to 20p.
 - Record simple number problems
 - Explore simple addition and subtraction problems.

If you have any concerns or questions please don't hesitate to speak Miss Ramsden, Mrs Eldred or Miss Willoughby. Thank you for your support.