

Maths

In maths we will be consolidating our knowledge of number to get our brains started this year! We will move on to exploring place value of digits and learning our number bonds to 10, 20 and even 100! We will then use our number knowledge to explore addition and subtractions, ending with solving word problems to deduce the operation needed to crack it. A great website to practice all these fundamental skills at home is www.topmarks.com and a game called Hit the Button! Have a play and wow me!

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PE

PE will be taught by a Premier Sports Coach on a Wednesday afternoon and a Thursday afternoon. The year kicks off with invasion games, learning about special awareness, team work and some skills involved in throwing and catching.

English

In English we will be following the theme of Enchanted Woodlands by using the story of Little Red Riding Hood to unpick narratives and write our own woodland stories. We will use 'Stick Man' by Julia Donaldson to write Newspaper reports on exciting woodland news and we will explore poetry using woodland themed poems to recite off by heart and create our own! We will take every opportunity to get outside and let nature inspire our writing!

Music

Mr Waters will be teaching Music to Holly Class on a Thursday afternoon and he has lots of exiting and practical musicals activities planned!

RE and PSHE

This half term we will be exploring the question, 'Why is belonging to God and the Christian family important to Christians?' We will be learning about the Christian Value of friendship and why it is important.

In PSHE we are lucky to have One life Suffolk coming in once a week to teach us about Healthy Living, they will cover many topics such as the importance of sleep and a healthy breakfast, portion size, healthy snacks and much more.

Topic Enchanted Woodlands

If you go down to the woods today, you're sure of a big surprise! This half term, we'll visit a woodland, observe the wildlife, collect natural objects and take beautiful pictures of the things we see. After our woodland adventure, we'll write about our experiences and learn all about trees. We'll use information books to investigate woodland creatures and make mini-books of our own. Throughout the project, we will find out how to recognise different plants and animals and create detailed, observational drawings of them. The tale of Little Red Riding Hood and Stick Man will inspire us to write our own stories with a woodland theme. We'll build miniature dens, create woodland works of art and construct mini-woodlands from twigs, sticks, pine cones and leaves. At the end of our project, we'll have so much to share with you. We'll read our stories aloud, create a woodland art gallery, plant seedlings in the school grounds and present a special, woodland-themed assembly.

Help your child prepare for their project: Woodlands are interesting places. Why not take a woodland walk and see which plants and creatures you can find? Simple spotting books or apps will help you to identify unknown species. Alternatively, visit the local library and borrow information and storybooks about woodland creatures to read together. You could also collect twigs, leaves, seed cases and flowers to make natural art together outside. Remember to take photos before the wind blows your artwork away!

Reading

We really appreciate all the support that you give the children by reading with them at home and know you are working hard with the children to learn their spellings. This half term we are focusing on the children's comprehension skills, so questioning them about what has happened in the books they are reading or asking them about why they think the author chose to use certain words or events will help support their general understanding of the texts they are reading.