

As 'Happy Chatters' we will...

We do lots of talking and listening in Butterfly class! This half term the children will be learning to listen and contribute as part of our class group. We will be learning to wait until it is our turn to speak so that everyone gets a chance to hear what is being said. Throughout the year there are opportunities for speaking and listening during our weekly 'show and tell' sessions. We will send a message each week via text or Tapestry to let you know what the theme for this is.

As 'Brilliant Bookworms' and 'Wow Writers' we will....

All children will enjoy listening to stories on a daily basis. Each week we will focus on one key text from which we will be selecting a few 'wonderful words' to extend vocabulary. Phonics will be taught using the Read Write Inc scheme. This will be delivered daily and will form the basis of teaching the children to read and write. We will be sharing more information about how you can support in this important aspect of your child's learning in the early weeks of this term, but if you have any questions before then please just ask.

As 'Energetic Butterflies' we will...

There will be lots of opportunities for developing physical skills through play both indoors and outside. The children will also take part in our daily 'Squiggle while you wiggle' and 'dough disco' sessions which help to develop the skills and co-ordination needed to be successful movers and writers. In addition, Reception children will have two adult led PE lessons each week aimed at developing fundamental movement skills. Children should come to school dressed for these lessons each Tuesday & Friday in a t shirt, jogging bottoms / leggings (or shorts if it is warm enough,) with their school jumper or cardigan on top. Fine motor skills will be developed through a range of play based activities in the classroom. The children will be changing into their wellington boots at least once each day for outdoor play and so you can help your child at home by encouraging them to be independent in taking their shoes on and off.

As 'Fantastic Friends' we will...

The first few weeks in Reception is all about building new relationships and settling in to a new environment. To support this Reception children have weekly circle time sessions when we will be talking about how to make new friends and follow the routines of the classroom. Our class teddy bear Fred Ted always joins us for these and helps us to know when it is our turn to speak and when it is our turn to listen. However, most of the opportunities for personal and social development occur during the course of our normal school day as the children are supported in building relationships and following routines.

As 'Edmondsley Explorers' we will...

In Reception we spend a lot of time outdoors appreciating the world around us as well as noticing seasonal changes as we move into Autumn.

This term we will also be enjoying some cooking activities connected to our learning as well as talking about foods which constitute healthy choices. We will be making simple story maps and finding out about how toys have changed over time too.

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As 'Marvellous Mathematicians' we will...

Lots of our Maths in Reception happens in the context of play and in this way children develop knowledge and skills appropriate to their stage of development. In addition to this we do have a short adult led Maths focus time each day. In these sessions we will be exploring matching, sorting, making comparisons of amounts as well as pattern making. Opportunities for counting and saying number names in order are built into daily life in Reception too.

This half term our topic is called *If you go down to the woods today*

We will be basing our learning around the familiar theme of teddy bears as we settle into a new school year. We have lots of fun activities planned and we can't wait to share them with you all!



As 'Creative Creatures' we will...

This term lots of our craft activities will be based around the theme of bears and we will be exploring using a range of different media and materials to represent the stories we have heard. Adult led activities will also teach specific skills such as using scissors effectively and colour mixing using powder paints.

In Music we will be singing lots of songs and rhymes as well as learning to play simple percussion instruments to accompany music.

Children will engage in role play connected to some of the stories we are reading, both inside and in our outdoor space.