

Oulton Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 1 – Wonderful Woodlands

Dear Parents,

We hope you had a fantastic summer holidays and that the children have enjoyed their first day back at school. A big welcome to all our new families.

<p>English This half term we are focusing on story telling and story writing. The children will be using adjectives to describe a setting for a story.</p> <p>The children will re-start their Read, Write Inc sessions and continue to learn sounds for de-coding and reading. We will also be using these sessions to incorporate guided reading and teaching the children the key skills involved in reading.</p> <p>In non-fiction writing the children will look at writing information texts about woodland environments, including create contents, index and glossary pages. These books will be shared with other children throughout the school.</p> <p>Reception will begin to learn the correct way to hold a pencil and form the sounds they have learnt.</p> <p>The children need to read every day at home.</p>	<p>Maths We start this half term focusing on place value. The reception and year 1 will learn to sort and count objects correctly before moving on to finding one more or one less, ordering numbers, comparing groups and numbers and using number lines.</p> <p>Year 2 will be looking at numbers to 100. We will be learning to count these accurately, as well as counting in 2s, 3s and 5s. They will continue to deepen their understanding of tens and ones and what each digit in a number represents. They will also compare and order numbers and use part whole models to help describe place value.</p> <p>The children in year 1 and 2 need to be able to use both numerals and words, so will also be matching these.</p> <p>Keep an eye out for the new 'Maths Monkey' who will be making his way home soon!</p>	<p>Science We will be focusing on living things and their habitats – more specifically the woodland habitat.</p> <p>We will identify the animals that live in woodlands and understand how woodlands helps provide their basic needs. We will look at the relationship between plants and animals and how they depend on each other to survive, including simple food chains.</p> <p>We will identify common woodland trees and plants.</p>
<p>PSHE: We will be setting ourselves goals and challenges for the coming year and think about how we will achieve them, including how they can help themselves to progress. We will look at forming new friendships and how to share and solve problems in a fair way.</p>		
<p>Topic: We are learning all about Wonderful Woodlands. We will be using key texts such as Owl Babies, The Gruffalo and The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark. We will be using tools in DT to create a new home for the Owl Babies as they leave home and test them for strength. We will look at the differences in natural and man-made habitats and features and how woodlands can be plotted on a map. We will use natural woodland materials to create pictures using different textures. In P.E will be looking at basic ball skills including, throwing, catching, kicking, dribbling etc. In Music they will learn the song 'Hey You' and think carefully about rhythm and pulse, including playing glockenspiels. We will also consider how our actions affect the natural habitats of animals and consider our responsibilities in looking after these habitats.</p> <p>As always if you can offer any support in teaching our topic ~ please let us know.</p>		

Helpful Websites

The following websites will help to support your child's learning.

Maths

<http://www.ictgames.com/placeValue.htm>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/interactive.aspx?cat=11>

English

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/letters-and-sounds>

www.oxfordowl.co.uk

<http://www.ictgames.com/literacy.html>

Topic

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/naturedetectives>

[www.bbc.co.uk > Schools Home > Primary - Ages 4-11](http://www.bbc.co.uk/Schools/Home/Primary-Ages-4-11)

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?q=food+chain>

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/visiting-woods/trees-woods-and.../animals/>

<https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/wildlife-explorer>

Things to remember:

The children need the following things in school every day:

- Named book bag and reading book.
- Named water bottle.
- Named P.E and suitable trainers.
- Waterproof jacket and wellies (Reception children)

Mornings

Due to the increased number of children, Year 1 and 2 parents must wait on the playground while the children put their belongings in the cloakroom.

P.E Days

Please remember to name all items of P.E kit. Our usual days for P.E will be a Thursday and Friday. We will be going outside for P.E so please ensure the children have suitable clothing for any possible weather (shorts, t-shirt, tracksuit bottoms and trousers).

Important Dates:

- Monday 10th September - 3:15 – Meet the teacher meeting in Oulton Classroom.
- Tuesday 11th September - 9:00-12:15 – Trip to Beetley Woods – please see separate letter
- Friday 21st September – 11:45 Harvest Festival in the church – all welcome.
- Tuesday 2nd October – Bethany and Benjamin road safety (all children) and Step On Road Safety for year 1.
- Friday 5th October – Red, White and Blue Charity Day.
- Week Commencing Monday 8th October – 9:30-10:30 – Year 2 Swimming – kit needed all week.
- Monday 15th October – Indian Dance Experience Day – 2:55 – Presentation for parents.
- Tuesday 16th October – 2:30 – Open afternoon to celebrate learning.

As always you have any questions please do come and talk to us.

Kind Regards,

Miss Titmarsh, Mrs Spencer and Mr Whitty.