

**P1 – P3 Term 2
2023
Class Newsletter**

Important Days

Wednesday: Outdoor Learning

Thursday/Friday: PE

Outdoor Learning (Long trousers/leggings, wellies and jackets, remember to apply sun cream before school too)

Literacy

Reading: Children will continue to use our decoding and blending skills to support reading of words. We will be focusing on tricky words and will develop our confidence when reading them.

Spelling/Grammar/Punctuation: We are going to continue learning a new sound and grapheme each week. We will continue to practice previous sounds regularly, constantly revising and building our confidence. The children will be developing their use of finger spaces, full stops, speech marks and connectives (and, but, because).

Writing: The children are going to be learning to use colourful semantics to support their building of sentences. We are going to use short film clips as a stimulus for writing each week and split into groups to complete a focused task.

We are also going to explore the 'Goldilocks and the three bears story' using it as a focus for writing our own stories.

We are focusing on our letter formation, ensuring we use the cursive joins/flicks correctly.

Listening and Talking: During everyday lessons we are focusing on being polite and respectful listeners. We will be using expression to retell our 'Goldilocks' stories with the use of props to support us.

Numeracy

The children will be focusing on addition skills this term. We will be working within 10, 20 and 100. We will develop a range of mental strategies to support our addition, such as near doubles and partitioning. We will develop problem solving skills within number and develop strategies to help us solve word problems.

Maths

We will complete a block of learning about shape, developing confidence when identifying a variety of 2D shapes and 3D objects. We will explore their properties and use language to describe them accurately.

We will also introduce symmetry and explore completing symmetrical patterns with and without a mirror.

Topic – Materials

We are going to be exploring Everyday Materials and how they are used in items around us. The children will explore the properties of materials and develop vocabulary to describe them. We are going to be sorting materials and explain why some materials are better than others, depending upon their use. We will understand why some materials provide better shade than others, and why some material is more waterproof than others.

We will also explore water as a material and how it is used in its different states of matter.

Health and Wellbeing

We will be discovering ways to link actions and skills within short sequences.

We are aiming to develop control and link movements so that sequences flow.

We will be exploring anger, positive thinking and problem solving during our 'Monster Lane' lessons where we visit a new Monster every week and they introduce another skill to support our emotional wellbeing.

In Expressive Arts

During Music we will continue to develop our understanding of musical concepts when playing musical instruments and learning different songs.

In French we will be using daily greetings and everyday classroom language including learning days of the week, colours and numbers.

In Technologies we will be exploring coding and programming language. We will develop skills to predict the outcome of a program using coding. We will also demonstrate problem solving skills to carry out a task using coding language.