



Topic: Where in the World?

Welcome, to all of our new and returning families!

We are very excited to get started with a new academic year and to put into place some new ideas. As you know, the EYFS children work together in provision to develop their learning through play, however this year we are implementing the new groups of Oak, Willow and Beech. This means that the children may be grouped differently for some sessions to ensure that we are providing the best opportunities and education for all of our children. We are excited to implement this new EYFS/Key Stage 1 approach and see the benefits for our children.

Mrs Murray will be the key worker for the Nursery children and Miss Uney for Reception, however the children will often work together, with the addition of Year 1 and Mr Marshall for some sessions. All staff work together to support the children so feel free to speak to any member of the team regarding your child!

This term we will be taking part in the whole school topic of 'Where in the World?', with a focus on the UK and our local area. This will provide lots of opportunities for exploration of the world around us, as well as people and communities. Chosen texts will be used to launch learning in a range of different areas to develop a broad understanding of the topic.

The children take part in age specific phonics sessions each day with Nursery beginning to prepare for phonics and Reception beginning Phase 2. More information will be provided to support you at home with this.

The children also take part in daily mastery in number sessions to develop their understanding of numerical concepts, again further information will be shared about this.

Our EYFS curriculum is always open ended and child led as we aim to provide the most stimulating opportunities for the children to apply their learning to different contexts. Themes and questioning support the children to explore different areas and lead their learning where their interests take them.

You can follow your child's journey on Tapestry, where we share our observations and you can also share activities and progress at home. If you do not yet have access to this, please let a member of the team know.

We hope the children are full of energy and ready to learn, we have a busy and exciting term ahead of us!

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to ask one of the team.

Miss Uney and the EYFS/Key Stage 1 Team

Reading

Once Reception children reach an appropriate level, reading books will be sent home, with guidance, although this will not be until later in the term.

Currently, reading for pleasure is the best way to enjoy books with your child. Talking about books and sharing ideas is so valuable as the children begin their reading journey.

The children will visit the library each week to choose a book to share with you.

Autumn 1 Class Texts

We will be exploring the following texts this half term:

Here we are by Oliver Jeffers

Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Pena

No Such Thing as Nessie! By Chani McBain

My Friend Earth

An English Year by Tania McCartney

PE Kits and Forest Schools

Please ensure your child always has their PE kit in school.

Reception will have PE on a Monday and Friday.

Nursery will have PE on a Tuesday morning.

Children will be taking part in Forest Schools session during this half term on a **Wednesday**. Please ensure they have suitable waterproof clothing for outdoor learning in all weathers.