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Woods Corner Class



Autumn 2020

Years 1 and 2

Dear Parents/guardian (s),

Welcome to Woods Corner Class and a year of learning that will be fun and exciting.

The classroom will look a little different with forward facing tables, set seats, and less movement around the room or school. The adults in the classroom will try to maintain 2 metre distance but we fully recognise that this is not always appropriate to meet the children's needs. Good hygiene will be paramount. Children will go straight to their classroom on arrival at school to wash their hands. They will wash their hands frequently through-out the school day. Hand sanitiser will only be used when there is no water or soap available.

When should I wash my hands?

- When I arrive at school
- After I sneeze, blow my nose, or touch my face
- After I go to the toilet
- When I come in from being outside
- When I have moved to another place in the school
- Before and after I eat food
- Before leaving for home

We have tried to arrange our school day with the minimum disruption to you. Dropping off (8.55) and collection (3.15) will be from the main front door.

We are still encouraging social distancing to reduce transmission, and are limiting the amount of contact individuals have with others especially adult to adult. As attendance will be compulsory from the beginning of term, please don't hesitate to speak to myself or Mr Cox if you or your child has any anxiety around returning as we can work together to ease transition. We will keep our whole class bubbles separate for the majority of the day but there may be times, for instance at lunch or passing in the corridor, when bubbles will not be separated.

Our topic is 'Explorers'

This is a whole school topic and we hope to inspire the children to the possibilities, opportunities and pursuit of their dreams through a range of inspirational people. It is a growth mind-set topic which allows the children to develop and explore their creativity and understanding of the wider world.

We are very pleased to welcome Mrs Elliott who will be an INA to our Woods Corner team, who include Mrs Cann (INA), Mrs Worrell (INA), Miss Egan (INA) and Mrs Bridges (class TA.)

I am looking forward to the year ahead and will be working very hard to ensure that every child in the class continues to have a positive and successful year. However, if there should be anything that is a concern, please do not hesitate to arrange a meeting with me. I am always available.

Thank you for your continuing support,
Mrs Allcorn and the Woods Corner Team

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English

To begin our topic, the children will focus on widening their vocabulary as we focus on describing settings. The children will learn how to confidently write a sentence (Y1) and write stories effectively with a clear beginning, middle and end. (Y2) We will be focussing on using the correct spelling and punctuation. This will support the children to secure their sentence writing skills. As the term progresses the children will write for a range of purposes including letter writing and information booklets.

To foster a love of reading we will have a feature author each week, starting with Lynley Dodd author of the Hairy Maclary books, and finish everyday with a chapter from the well-loved book 'George's Marvellous Medicine.'

Year 1 will be focusing on writing full sentences and remembering to use full stops and capital letters.

Year 2 will be reinforcing the above and extending their writing using conjunctions and

Mathematics

The children will begin by look at the number system focusing on place value, adding and subtracting. We will focus on number bonds and key number facts to secure the children's understanding.

Throughout the term we will look at money and link our number knowledge to this important life skill.

We will focus on reasoning skills and ensure we are using the correct mathematical vocabulary.

To help your child's understanding of number it is beneficial to practice and learn key number facts.

Year 1 will be learning number bonds to 10 and 20, and key number facts for year 1.

Year 2 will be securing their x10 and x5 tables.

Science

This term we will focus on 'Habitats' and the animals and plants that in habitat different types of habitats, including our school grounds and Antarctica. The children will explore these habitats using BBC clips such Blue Planet, Our Planet and to learn about the different animals which live there.

History

We will focus on the famous British Antarctic explorer Ernest Shackleton. The children will research his accomplishments and how he became famous and an inspirational figure. The children will learn to use timelines, artefacts and ask probing questions to further their understanding and learning.

Art

The children will be encouraged to be creative and imaginative throughout this term. We will be focussing on the work of the famous artist 'Paul Klee' who is renowned for his technique of 'taking a line for a walk.' The children will explore the colour wheel, warm and cool colours and experiment with different ways of mark making.

PE

We will be concentrating on building up and improving our balance and agility skills. We will be looking at different ways of moving, jumping and throwing using good control and technique. After half term we will move onto looking at dance and exploring a range of different movements to create a short routine.

PE is on Friday so please ensure your child has a full named kit in school on these days.

Music

We will be using the music scheme 'Music Express' to learn about different musical components and how to play a range of class musical instruments.

Computing

We will be learning some basic computing skills, beginning with some simple programming activities and following instructions. We will also focus on ensuring each child is confident with the basic skills when using technology and the importance of E-Safety.

RSHE

The children will be encouraged to have a growth mind-set, knowing it is ok to make mistakes and we can learn from them. We will have weekly Circle Time sessions to express their feelings, opinions, feel heard and valued. We will be looking at how to be a good friend to others.

RE

This term we will be learning about Christianity and focus on 'Who made the world' exploring there ideas and using Bible stories, online clips and pictures to further their understanding.

Homework

Year 1's will not have formal homework until after Christmas. However, we encourage that they read daily at home.

Year 2's will get a home work and spelling grid each term and please encourage your child to read daily at home and record this in their reading record.

Gardening

We are grateful to the volunteers who come in to take groups of children gardening. Please can you ensure your child has wellingtons in school so we can use our gardening and woodland area.

Reading Books

Our aim is to encourage a love of books and reading for enjoyment and information. Therefore we would encourage all parents to read with their child for 10 minutes each evening. Please write a comment in your child's reading record each time they've read at home. Once the children have finished their reading books, please can you encourage them to choose another book.