

Dear Parents,

Over the next six weeks our class will be studying different subjects which will be linked with the theme 'The Enchanted Woodland'. In this way we believe that the children will gain a greater understanding of the world around us and why learning is important to us all if we are to become responsible and independent learners.

If children understand why they need to learn something and see its relevance to their own lives not only will they actively enjoy their learning but also they will achieve higher standards in their work than if they see no point in their learning.

Each theme is based around the specific National Curriculum (NC) and Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Skills that are needed to be mastered by our children and during this six week theme of The Enchanted Woodland we will be covering the NC and EYFS Skills in Literacy, Maths, Science, History, Geography, Art and Design, and Design and Technology. Below is an outline of what the children will be learning about:

Literacy	Baseline Assessments., Name writing, Early mark making, Retelling a story, Captions and labels, Information pages, Narrative story - places pupils have been.
Maths	Baseline Assessments, Number: Place Value (within 10) and Number: Addition and Subtraction (within 10)
Science	Plants and Animals, Seasonal Changes,
Geography	Making maps and learning about our local area.
Art and Design	Drawing self portraits, painting forest animals and colour mixing.
DT	Building structures and making party food.

Towards the end of the half term I would like to organise a class trip to The Gruffalo Trail at Thorndon Park in Brentwood; more details will be sent out at a later date.

Every child will experience a variety of different ways of learning including reading, writing, mathematics, problem solving, illustrating, working independently and working collaboratively and their progress towards the NC and EYFS Skills will be continually assessed again in a variety of ways.

I know that as parents you are keen to support your child in their learning and would ask that you talk to your child about what they are learning during this theme – let them teach you!

I would be very grateful if you could spend some time completing the phonics homework, and the daily reading, and if anyone has anything they think might be of interest to our topic or experience and knowledge please let me know as soon as possible, as the more information and support that your child has, the more successful their learning will be.

I would like to thank you all for your support with your children's learning - it really does make a difference. If anyone has any questions as to how to help your child please do not hesitate to get in touch with me at the earliest opportunity.

Yours sincerely

Miss S Houghton – Class Teacher

