

Curriculum Newsletter

Spring 1 2024

Fireflies Class



Out in the countryside

As Readers we will be learning about the traditional tale, The Three Billy Goats Gruff. We will be retelling the story using drama, story maps and puppets. We will learn about how character speech can help us understand characters and their actions. We will examine how the story builds to a climax at the end and how the structure creates suspense for the reader.



As Writers we will be planning and writing our own suspense stories based on what we have learnt from the structure and use of repeated language in The Three Billy Goats Gruff. We will learn how to record character speech in speech bubbles and using inverted commas (speech marks). We will also consider how we can use adverbs to express how a character is feeling and how they sound when they speak.

As Mathematicians we will be using number facts to help us with addition and subtraction calculations. We will also be finding fractions of amounts; halves, quarters and thirds. We will examine equivalent fractions and solve problems using fractions. Just before the Easter break we will learn about 2D and 3D shapes and symmetry. In addition to all this our class bank account was so popular last half term we have continued its use this half term!



As Scientists we will be learning about living things and their habitats. We will begin with finding about human wants and needs and then thinking about plants and animals. We will investigate different habitats within the school grounds then move on to native habitats. Finally, we will think about how plants and animals depend on each other.

We continue to learn about seasonal change, observing changes within our habitat.

As Explorers we will be learning about the weather. We will find out about different types of weather including extreme weathers and how weather differs dependent on climate. We will find out about all the information a weather forecast can give us and why this is useful.



As Artists and Designers we will be learning about how and why flowers are portrayed in art. We will investigate using a range of different media and materials to create our own flower artworks. We will experiment with the use of sketching, watercolours, oil pastels and clay to produce representations of flowers.

As Olympians we will learning about invasion games. We will learn about how attacking and defending roles differ and how we all need to work as a team to be successful. We will be developing our ball skills over the next few weeks and taking part in lots of mini games to develop our understanding of team sport.



PE kits should be worn for school every Monday please.

This overview is intended to give you a flavour of what we will be learning this half term. If your child would like to share any learning that they have done at home, please feel free to send it into school or post photographs on Class Dojo so that we can celebrate their achievements.