



Treetops Class Curriculum Letter Autumn 2023



Welcome back after our summer break, we hope you all had a fun summer!

Our theme for this half term is "Our World"

The following is a run-down of how we will be exploring this theme as well as the aims and objectives we will be concentrating on in other curriculum areas:

Understanding English, Communication and Language

Communication group: focusing upon building relationships with new staff, listening to others, learning new and remembering previous routines, cooperating and interacting with peers, making requests and describing objects.

Listening and responding to a variety of stories

Individual Literacy I.E.P targets.

Introduce and explore new vocabulary linked to our theme.

Fine Motor Skills sessions.

Handwriting Sessions.

Phonics Sessions (where appropriate)

Creative Writing Sessions (where appropriate)

Mathematical Understanding

Individual Maths I.E.P targets.

Days of the week and months of the year. Sorting and classifying groups.

Exploring position, size and ordering objects according to size. Names of 2D and 3D shapes.

Individual targeted Maths work on Education City.

Scientific and Technological understanding

Everyday Materials

- Identify different materials and their uses
- Understand how to select the right materials to build a bridge
- Explore and test the stretchiness of materials
- Understand that materials can change their shape by twisting, bending, squashing or stretching
- Find out about Charles Macintosh and explore how materials are suitable for different purposes
- Discover which materials change shape when making a road with John McAdam



Understanding the Arts

Art - Drawing - Make Your Mark

- To know how to create different types of lines
- To explore line and mark making to draw water.
- To draw with different media
- To develop an understanding of mark making
- To apply an understanding of drawing materials and mark making to draw from observation.

Children will be learning these specific skills as well as creating a range of art linked to our current theme.

Throughout the second half of the Autumn term, children will engage in a variety of seasonal art and crafts linked to Halloween, Diwali, Bonfire night and Christmas.

Understanding Physical Development

PE - Skills and Movement

- Be able to move showing good agility, balance and co-ordination
- To further develop the fundamentals of movement
- To understand what balance is
- To be able to replicate and develop rolling techniques
- To be able to replicate the rolling action while aiming at a target
- To be able to develop a bouncing technique
- To be able to demonstrate the correct technique for bouncing a ball
- To understand the key points for catching
- To be able to replicate a catching technique
- To develop a technique for underarm throws
- To be able to use an underarm throw technique to hit targets
- To develop a technique for overarm throws
- To be able to use the overarm throw technique with accuracy

P.E day is Thursday: Please can your child have their P.E kit at school - shorts, T-shirt and plimsolls.



R.E

RE - Celebrations and Festivals - Harvest

- express creatively their response to a celebration
- recognise how *celebration* relates to their own and others' lives
- recognise what a *celebration* is and list some features of celebrations
- Recognise ways in which Christians *celebrate* Harvest
 - Talk about the importance for Christians of *celebrating* Harvest.

After half term we will also be learning about Diwali and (dare I say it Christmas!)

We have snack time twice a day so please send in some snacks for your child. All children will need to bring in their own bottle and if they have juice please supply us with extra squash so we can top this up throughout the day.

We will continue to use Tapestry to record observations of your child, as well as writing a short daily entry in the home/school diary to update you each day and give any messages. Please feel free to get in touch with us via the diary and add your own pictures/videos to Tapestry as this will be your child's Record of Achievement. If you require general information about the school/day please contact the school office on 01455 822362.

Parent's Evening will be during the last week of this half-term, however, if your child is in Year 6 we will be holding Annual Reviews in the near future and your Parent's Evening will form part of your Annual Review meeting. I will send details of these out to you shortly.

Our Forest School session will be on a Thursday afternoon every other week. This will begin next Thursday the 7th September. Please send your child in with wellies and old clothes if possible - we do have plenty of waterproofs to use in school if you need them.

We all look forward to this term and thank you for your continued support.

The Treetops Team
Rachel, Anne, Amanda, Anja and Pauline



