



Treetops Class Curriculum Letter Spring Term 2024



Happy New Year to you all, we hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and are glad to see you all back for the new term.

Our theme for this half term is "Space"

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 improving our conversational skills with others, making requests and asking for help when we need it, taking turns, sharing and thinking of others feelings.

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.

Telling the time using both a digital and analogue clock. Recognising and anticipating the routines of the day.

Individual targeted Maths work on Education City.

Scientific and Technological understanding

Focus on Gravity and forces linked to our Space theme.

- Explore the life and work of Isaac Newton
- Understand the influence gravity has on the universe
- Investigate the relationship between mass and gravity
- Understand how air resistance acts on objects
- Design and test parachutes, using averages to get more accurate results
- Draw an accurate diagram of the forces acting on a parachute and explain their purpose
- Understand how water resistance acts on objects
- Describe the forces acting on an object floating in water
- Identify the similarities and differences between air and water resistance
- Understand how friction acts on objects



Understanding the Arts

Art - Exploring with Paint

- Name the primary colours.
- Explore coloured materials to mix secondary colours.
- Mix primary colours to make secondary colours.
- Apply paint consistently to their printing materials to achieve a print.
- Use a range of colours when printing.
- Mix five different shades of a secondary colour.
- Decorate their hands using a variety of patterns.

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

We will also be creating a range of crafts and art activities linked to Chinese New Year and Easter.

Understanding Physical Development

PE - Basketball

- Explore different ways of handling the basketball
- Develop hand/eye co-ordination
- Know about different types of passes in basketball
- Receive a ball safely
- Demonstrate control when bouncing a basketball
- Develop spatial awareness
- Move into spaces
- Use positive communication
- Understand fair play

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 - Chinese New Year

- To know the order of the animals in the Chinese New Year.
- To know the story of the Chinese New Year
- To know where China is located and what happens there during Chinese New Year



After half term we will also be learning about Easter and why this is an important celebration for Christians.

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 Educater via the Parent Passport to send photographs of your children throughout the week and to update you on our class activities at the end of each week. As always we continue to communicate on a daily basis via the home/school diaries.

If you require general information about the school/day please contact the school office on 01455 822362.

Parent's Evening will be on the week beginning the 12th February, we will send a letter out at a later date for you to make an appointment.

Our Forest School session will be on a Thursday afternoon every other week. This will begin this Thursday 18th January. 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, but as the weather is particularly cold at the moment gloves, hat and scarf would be useful for each child to bring individually.

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

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

