



Dragonflies

Curriculum Letter - Autumn 2026



Welcome Back!

Welcome back after the summer break! We hope you all had a lovely and relaxing time and are looking forward to the new school year.

We would also like to introduce **Lucy Duckett**, our new **Dragonflies Unit Lead**. Lucy has already enjoyed meeting some of you at drop-off and pick-up and is looking forward to getting to know all of our children and families throughout the year. Lucy is always happy to have a chat with you, so please feel free to speak to her at drop-off or pick-up if you have any questions or would like to share something with her. If you would prefer to have a longer conversation or would like to contact Lucy directly, please feel free to send a message through Tapestry and she will be happy to arrange a time to speak with you.

We are very excited in Dragonflies to be working more collaboratively this year. Our topic for the Autumn Term in **Waterlilies** is '**All About Me**', while in **Kingfishers** our topic is '**My Body and Senses**'. These topics provide wonderful opportunities for your child to learn more about themselves and the wider world, while making links to their own familiar experiences and environment.

The following is an overview of how we will be exploring these topics across the six areas of learning.

Understanding English, Communication and Language

- Learning and using Makaton signs
- Sensory stories
- Individually tailored communication sessions
- Phonics sessions following the Read Write Inc. scheme
- Daily language sessions for individuals and small groups
- Whole-class sessions involving listening to and participating in songs and rhymes
- Individual targets from IEPs will be embedded and worked on throughout the school day
- Developing language and communication skills
- Read Write Inc. activities
- Rhyme of the Week
- Developing a love of reading through class stories
- Teaching and developing language through songs and rhymes

Mathematical Understanding

- Working towards individual Maths IEP targets
- Individual number targets taught and reinforced daily
- Exploring shape
- Exploring capacity
- Using individualised sensory approaches to develop understanding of mathematical concepts

Scientific and Technological Understanding

- Naming and identifying different parts of the body
- Developing an understanding of the functions of different body parts
- Learning about healthy eating and nutrition
- Exploring the five senses and how we use them, through lots of hands-on learning and creative activities
- Sensology
- ICT choice-making activities
- Cause-and-effect sensory activities

Understanding the Arts

- Creating a range of artwork and Design Technology projects linked to our topics
- Exploring and using a variety of artistic techniques to create topic-based pieces
- Taking part in drama games and activities

Developing musical skills by following simple rhythms and responding to music

Understanding Physical Development, Health and Well-being

- Developing basic physical skills and movement, with a focus on following instructions and participating in activities
- Exploring apparatus and taking part in dance activities
- Sensory investigations to help us develop a deeper understanding of your child's individual likes, dislikes and preferences
- Developing fine motor skills through activities such as Dough Disco

R.E.

During the Autumn Term, we will explore:

- **First half term:** Harvest and Diwali
- **Second half term:** Halloween and Christmas

Our learning will focus on celebrations, traditions, reflection and the different ways people celebrate special occasions.

Tapestry and Communication

We will be sharing a whole-class daily update on Tapestry allowing us to share a wider picture of the experiences, activities and learning taking place across Dragonflies. Individual observations and communications will still be shared when there is something particularly special or significant about your child's learning, development or achievements.

Please continue to share the amazing things your child is doing at home with us through Tapestry. We love hearing about their experiences and achievements outside of school.

We will also use Tapestry to let you know if your child requires any additional drinks, snacks or other items.

If you need to pass an **urgent message** to your class teacher, please contact the school office so that the message can be passed on to us.

Playtimes

We continue to enjoy learning and playing outside in all weathers! Please ensure that your child has a **coat, wellington boots and a spare set of clothes** in school. Waterproof clothing is also highly recommended where possible.

PE Kits

To ensure that we have the maximum amount of time available for our PE sessions, we are asking children to **come to school already wearing their PE kit on PE days**.

We understand that this may be more difficult for some children, and we are very happy to be flexible where necessary.

All Dragonflies PE sessions will take place on Wednesdays.

Snacks and Drinks

Please bring a snack for your child to have during the school day, along with a **labelled water bottle**.

If your child has juice, please send in some extra so that we can top up their drink throughout the day.

Forest School

Our Forest School sessions will take place **every two weeks**, starting on **Thursday 3rd September**.

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing **suitable clothing and footwear** so that they can comfortably participate in these sessions and enjoy exploring the outdoors.

Contacting Us

If you have any general enquiries, please contact the school office on **01455 822362** or email office@newboldverdon.leics.sch.uk.

We are all looking forward to a **busy, exciting and rewarding Autumn Term**. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. We look forward to working with you and supporting your children as they learn, develop and have fun throughout the term.

The Dragonflies Team