



The Nest: Little Chicks and Wagtails 19th February - 28th March 2024



Learning and Playing together

Spring 2 Topics

Our Topics for this half term are

**'Dangerous Dinosaurs' and 'Puddles and Rainbows'.**



'Dangerous Dinosaurs' (Weeks 1-4) will teach the children about the different animals that roamed Earth millions of years ago and how they are related to animals that live on Earth today.

'Puddles and Rainbows' (Weeks 5&6) will teach the children about the weather that happens during spring and allows them to explore natural phenomena, including rainbows. It supports them to explore colour in the natural world.

Phonics	<p><u>Little Chicks</u> will be focusing on Aspect 5: Alliteration. Aspect 6: Voice sounds and Aspect 4: Rhythm and rhyme.</p> <p><u>Wagtails</u> will be continue the 'Read Write Inc' phonics programme. We will focus on blending CVC words and slightly longer CVCC words in word time 1.7. Children will start reading ditty or green books in class weekly and <u>bring these home on Thursdays</u> to share with parents and carers. The <u>speedy words for each book will be sent home on a Monday</u> to be learnt through the week. We continue to write daily, practicing the sounds, writing words and simple sentences in line with our knowledge and will slowly learn the next 6 sounds: ay/ee/igh/ow/oo/oo.</p>
Mathematics	<p><u>Little Chicks</u> focus this half term is <u>4 and 5</u>. Counting objects to 5, subitising, more, fewer and the same, up to 5, number representation, counting actions to 5 and Show 'finger number's' to 5.</p> <p><u>Wagtails</u> will be covering the topics 'Growing 6,7,8!' and 'Building 9 and 10'. These cover, length and height, making and comparing numbers to 10. Number bonds and 3d shapes.</p>
Talk for Writing	<p>Our story for this half term is 'We're going on a bear hunt'</p> <p>We will always follow the same structure of learn, embed, story map and Innovate.</p>
Jack in the Box—RE	<p>This is our weekly class worship and we will be learning in line with the whole school worships.</p> <p>This half term we are learning and thinking about our school value - <b>Love</b></p>
PE	<p>On Tuesdays we will continue to focus on our body movements and different ways to create movement and shapes. We have been practicing our balls skill and hand to eye co-ordination by playing the 'Nemo' game. Our learning objectives are to use space to move safely around others, to move spontaneously showing some control and co-ordination and to move with confidence showing an awareness of space.</p>
Welly walks and Forest School	<p>This term we will be having 'Wednesday Welly Walks' and 'Thursday Forest School!'. We will continue our welly walks on a Wednesday and they continue to be a highlight of the week. We will be using the Thursday Forest school sessions to interact with Nature and develop some outdoor skills, such as identifying leaves and using objects in the environment to create art and items for play.</p>

This is of course, a snapshot of what your children do at school and their learning and development is always supported by the free access to play and all the other key aspects of provision such as cooking, music, art and technology. Please continue to support your children at home by reading stories together and

talking to your child about their learning

Thank you for all your support, Mrs Geraghty and Mrs Proudfoot