

HOUSES AND HOMES



OUTDOOR LEARNING

Our secret garden continues to develop and change. We will use seasonal, natural materials to make spring fairies and compare these to the ones we made in the autumn term.



We will be exploring houses and homes in the local area, as well as investigating animal habitats.

We will develop our own skills as builders using construction toys outside and through making dens.

We will be recording the weather regularly and talking about seasonal changes.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In RE we will be learning about the creation story. There will also be a unit of work on Judaism 'At Home'.

EARLY YEARS

The children in Barn Owls will take part in topic related activities. They will also have lots of opportunities to initiate their own learning, selecting from the class resources and will be encouraged to 'plan, do and review' their activities.

THE BIG IDEA

In this topic we will be learning about a range of buildings. Houses and homes around the world vary tremendously; they are different sizes, shapes and are constructed from different materials. We will find out about the reasons for these differences.

We will also explore animal homes and find out how they make them.

In History we will investigate how homes were different in the past:

- How they were made.
- The features they had inside and how life was different in the past.

In Geography we will:

- Say what types of buildings are in a place.
- Describe places using geographical language.
- Recognise what places are like and how they are changing.
- Recognise how places compare with other places.
- Practise using simple compass directions.

In Computing we will:

- Use the internet to find information.
- Discuss the technology we use in our homes.
- Consider how we use technology to communicate.

In Art we will:

- Work with textiles in different ways including weaving and embellishing.
- Use a range of materials to create collages with different textures and appearances.

In P.E we will be focusing on Gymnastics and Dance using the Val Sabin Schemes of Work.

In gymnastics we will:

- Developing control when practising flight moves including bouncing, jumping and landing.

SCIENCE:

Working scientifically

- The children will be encouraged to ask and find the answers to scientific questions. They will gather data, carry out simple tests, record data and talk about what they have found out.
- The children describe the properties of everyday materials when they consider which materials have been chosen to construct buildings.
- They will learn how to test the strength of structures.

Scientific knowledge

- The children will be finding out about animal habitats including where and how they have been constructed.

CLASS ROUTINES:

HOMEWORK:

- The children will have weekly homework tasks linked to learning in class. The homework will be sent home on Friday and is due back in school on Wednesday.
- Children are expected to be heard read at least three times a week. Please make sure that you record each time your child reads or is heard read in their homework diary. The children can then collect stickers towards their reading certificate.
- For some children spellings are sent home every two to three weeks for the children to practise and there will be a test the subsequent week. On other occasions the children will be given a phonic activity, or spelling investigation where they can explore a spelling pattern.

P.E. LESSONS:

- The children need to have their P.E. kit in school each day and it should be taken home each Friday so that it is kept clean for lessons.
- Jewellery must be removed so if your child has their ears pierced they will need a small pot in their bag to put their earrings in to keep them safe.
- Long hair should be tied back for school, but it must be tied back for P.E. lessons so a spare hair band is a good idea.

COMMUNICATION:

- Please encourage your children to speak to me if they should have any concerns, and of course I will always be available at the end of school if you wish to speak to me directly.
- I will continue sending home 'ASK me about ...' cards so that you are able to talk about the children's learning at home. Please look out for these.
- We would love to hear of our Barn Owls' achievements at home, so please do fill in WOW slips which we can add into their learning journeys.

