



Nunnery Wood Primary School



Oak and Willow Class Newsletter

Spring Term (1) 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

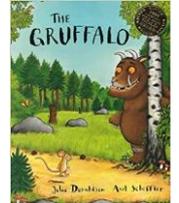
Welcome back and Happy New Year to you all! We hope that you and the children had a well-earned rest over the Christmas holiday. Thank you so much for all the gifts and cards that we received, they were very much appreciated. After a great start to the school year we are very much looking forward to another action packed and fun filled half term.

New Theme: If You Go Down to the Woods Today



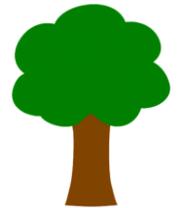
We have already had an exciting week getting ideas from the children for our theme this half term 'If you go down to the woods today...' They have come up with so many different ideas about what we might find and who might live in the woods that it has been hard to know where to start! However, after much discussion, we are beginning with using the classic children's story of *The Gruffalo* by Julia Donaldson and a copy of all our planned learning activities is attached. We are also planning to use *Little Red Riding Hood* and other traditional tales as well as the children's own experiences of woods and forests, as always we will keep you updated with our plans.

This theme gives you a great opportunity to get out into the woods nearby, or further afield, and explore; share any of your experience on your child's Tapestry Learning Journey please. If your child has any books or stories related to this theme then please do send them in for us to share, making sure that they are named of course.



Woodland Work

We will be making the most of our woodland sessions this term, as usual and will go out in virtually all weather so your child will need plenty of warm clothes during these winter sessions, including hats and gloves and both waterproof coats AND trousers otherwise they are likely to get muddy, cold and wet!



Reading books: Well done to all the children who received a special 'Home Learning' certificate from Mrs Higgins at the end of last half term for reading very regularly at home, we know they were very proud of this achievement! During the week most children will now usually choose two star books, and bring home a scheme book 3 times per week. Some children will bring home the same reading book several times during the week and will share this book with us daily in school too, this really helps to build their confidence and provides support to help some children get started with reading.



Please make time for your child to read at home with you and remember that 'star' books are as important to share as the scheme books. Reading record books are checked every day by one of the staff, so please feel free to ask to keep a book for another night if you need to or put in any messages for us if you are unable to catch us at the start or end of the day. Remember to keep practising those tricky words and phonic cards too.

P.E.

We will have regular P.E. lessons during the week; both inside in the school hall and outdoors. Please make sure that your child has a **named** P.E. kit with pumps or trainers and a warm tracksuit (any colour) in school at all times, this is especially important at this time of year. Could we also remind you to make sure ALL items of uniform are named, it makes it so much easier to find and return items if they become lost. If your child came home with any 'extra' clothes in their P.E. kit at the end of last term that do not belong to them please do send them into school so that we can return them to the right owner!

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Look and Learn Sessions

On Thursday 24th January, we will be beginning our regular 'Look and Learn' sessions when parents, carers and younger siblings can come into school between 8.45 and 9.15 a.m. and join in with our learning activities. These sessions will continue throughout this term and into the summer term too. A letter with more details will be sent home this week and we hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us at least once during the rest of the year!



Tapestry Learning Journeys:



Thank you to all of you who have been regularly logging on via www.eylj.org and looking at your child's learning and achievements in school. It is great to have your comments too and we are really pleased more of you are adding your own photographs and information about things that your child is doing outside of school to celebrate their successes. If you still haven't given us your email contact details to set up access to your child's learning journey please send this in as soon as possible or ask one of us if you have misplaced the form.

Trip to The Hive:

Date for your diary - On Thursday 7th March, which is also World Book Day, we will be visiting The Hive library during the day, more details to follow nearer the time.

A few reminders and requests...

Letters & emails:

We have had a number of parents who asked for letters to be emailed saying that they are not receiving the letters that are emailed from school. If you have changed your email address or are not receiving emails from school when you requested this please let us have your correct email address as soon as possible.

Water Bottles & Lunchboxes:

Please can we remind all parents and carers that water bottles should only have plain, still water in them for use in the classroom, not squash or fizzy flavoured water. If you want to send in a carton of juice for your child to have at lunchtime with the lunch you have ordered for them then this is fine. If you are sending your child in with a packed lunch from home can we please remind you that bars of chocolate or sweets are not allowed, nor any products containing nuts; a cake, flapjack or biscuit bar e.g penguin or mini roll.



New Books!

We are delighted to have been able to purchase some new reading books before Christmas to replace old or lost books and would be grateful for your support in helping us to look after the books that children bring home. Please can you also remember to return them EVERY DAY; if you need to keep the book for another night just put a note in your child's reading diary.

As always our doors are open if you need to speak to us or make an appointment if you feel you need longer to discuss something, we are all here to help and work together in your child's best interests.



Best wishes,

Miss Emma Cother

Mrs Donna Cooper

On behalf of the Early Years Team.

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