

Curriculum update

17/9/21

Reading records

The children will be coming home with a reading record starting from Monday. We encourage the children to read as much as possible and to support this, we have a whole school challenge with '40 reads'. If you read or share a book one night in the week, each of these count as a 'read' (e.g. if you read Monday-Fridays that's 5 reads) and the weekend counts as one read. The weekend then counts as 'one read' therefore, by the end of the week if you read everyday then the maximum reads you can have is 6 reads. Every time you share a story, this contributes towards your child's 'reads' so please start to record and enjoy the stories.

Forest School

The children explored our on-site Forest School site on Monday. We practised putting on our waterproofs and our wellies independently. Then we talked about our Forest School rules that keep us safe outside. The children enjoyed learning about the Forest School circle and how we move around the circle with the aim being to work towards having a fire when we are safe to do so. We walked around the site and the children had little tins to collect anything special they found along the way. We then compared all the different things that they had found and where they had been found too. We will aim to practise something new each week and when we are safe onsite then we will venture up to big Forest School. On Monday, we are hoping to go on an adventure on the minibus to practise putting on our own seatbelts and getting on and off the bus.

We have noticed lots of tired faces towards the end of this week. The expectations of the children in school are high and by the end of the week they will start to feel tired. There are also lots of colds, coughs and other bugs lingering too so please be mindful of these. If your child has sickness or diarrhoea, please make sure they are at home for 48 hours after the last time they were unwell. If you need any clarification or re-assurance with illness (I know it's hard especially with coughs) please always ring the office. With new children coming together we are bound to be hit by 'new germs' so please don't worry and always check if you are unsure.

Class bear

We are introducing a new friend to our classroom, which is our class bear. The class bear will share adventures with your child for the weekend. All of the children will share an adventure with our bear. The bear is kitted out with lots of different outfits as well as a special diary for you to add to and share your adventures. The children will then share their adventures with their friends in the classroom. The name will be chosen by the children on Friday (today) so I'm sure they will be excited to share this with you!

Reading

The children have enjoyed choosing a book from the shelf in the classroom to share with you at home. They have taken great ownership in choosing their book and we hope they can be shared with you.

The children will now start to bring books home from our reading scheme. All children will start by sharing books that have no words to encourage story telling. Please encourage your child to use the pictures to tell the story. This means you could read the story a few times and maybe change parts each time. We will share a few in the classroom before the children bring them home. You can then add this to your child's reading record as a 'read'. We will aim to change your child's book twice a week so please make sure that their book is in their bag as we won't be able to change books if we don't have them all returned.

Independent challenge

As we have started to dress ourselves for PE and Forest School, we have a special challenge for you at home this week. This week's independent challenge is to beat the clock in our 'dressing yourself challenge'. The challenge is to independently put on all of your school uniform in 5 minutes. Then once you've completed your challenge, please send in any pictures to admin@madley.hereford.sch.uk and we will share them in the classroom. We would love everyone to have a go at this challenge and we would appreciate your support with this as encouraging the children to dress independently at home will significantly help when they are dressing for PE and Forest School.