

# Curriculum update

21/9/20

## A busy week

We have had such a busy first week together! The children have enjoyed: staying for their lunch, exploring at Forest School together and playing as a whole group. I have no doubt that there are lots of tired faces and the children will welcome a restful weekend. The demand of school is completely different to nursery or pre-school and they are constantly busy throughout the day whilst continuing to learn new routines and boundaries within school.

## Phone calls

Over the next few weeks, I will be conducting 'catch up' phone calls to discuss how your child has settled into school. It has been lovely to speak to a few people so far and I will continue this through the coming weeks. The time may vary but if I can't get hold of you, I will retry until we manage to have a catch up conversation. It's lovely to hear that the children are talking about their experiences so far and how they feel they are settling into school.

## Forest School

The children enjoyed exploring on-site at Forest School this week. The children are learning the Forest School rules as well as learning to follow instructions. We talk about being able to trust the children before we go off-site and building their independence. They are likely to visit our off site Forest School site in a few weeks which is really exciting.

## Snack and lunch

Please can I remind you that we are a **nut free** school, which means there are no nuts allowed in school at any time. This is to ensure safety for all of our children regardless of whether they are in our class. Although we are eating our lunch on our own, other children are still coming into the hall to collect their lunch to take it back to their classrooms. Thank you for sending a snack into school but please can we remind you that this should be a **healthy** snack e.g fruit, vegetable, fruit bar and not chocolate, cookies, crisps. The children also have the option of milk at snack time and we encourage them to drink as much as possible.

## Yoga

Within our PE lessons, we are going to be doing Yoga. This week, the children used yoga cards to help them to practice different positions. WE challenge ourselves to hold them for at least 5 seconds without wobbling. The children worked really well in teams instructing one another what to do and demonstrating the positions.

## Spiders

The children noticed another class looking at some spiders webs on Tuesday and were interested to have a look themselves. We worked in groups to study the different shapes and think about how they had been made. We compared the different sizes of the webs and whether the spiders had caught any prey. We used what we had seen as inspiration and made our own spiders webs using: straws, string, pipe cleaners and chalk. We talked about how delicate the webs are and how intricate the designs are too, There are a few photos on the website of our creations.

## Phonics

This week we are beginning our phonics sessions. This is where the children begin to learn sounds which we will eventually begin to put together to enable the children to be able to read. This is part of the first steps of the children being able to read! To help encourage the correct pronunciation of sounds you could watch this video as it shows the children exactly how to say each sound. Can they spot the sounds that are in their name? Can they tell you the sound their name starts with?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=euxN7LG0oLc>