

Curriculum update

23.9.19

Forest School

We started Forest School last week and stayed on-site. We began by getting ourselves ready in our waterproofs and wellies. We made our way down to the Forest School area and sat around basecamp and learnt our new Forest School rules. We explored the site and enjoyed finding out what lived under the logs we were sitting on. We will put some photos on the website!

Why I am special...

Thank you to everyone who was able to send in a baby photo! We used them to talk about why we are special and what makes us special and different. The children loved sharing their photos and talking about themselves. We thought about how we are the same and what makes us different too. We put all of our photos together to make a giant jigsaw and talked about how we are all different but still fit together as one big team. We then made a special poster with things on that we like doing and that make us special.

We're going to continue with our idea of 'special' and on Thursday please can the children bring something in with them that is special to them. This could be a toy, photo, object but we would like them to choose it and be able to talk about it. Thank you!

Numbers

Last week we started our Maths by looking at number 1. We went all around the exploration garden to gather 1 of something, as well as finding the number 1 outside too. See if you can find the number 1 anywhere at home or find 1 thing e.g 1 shoe, 1 book, 1 car. Please send anything in that you find or any photos!

Reading

We have started to send home some books from our reading scheme. These will be a mixture of books with no words and books with small words. The books with no words are to encourage the children to make up and create their own story with the idea being each time they open the book they could tell a new story. We will also send home books with short CVC (consonant, vowel, consonant) words in where we are encouraging the children to sound out the words using their phonics then blend the word together. When they are sounding out the words, please encourage them to use the letter sound not the name. For example, 'S' makes the 'sssssss' sound. Please ask if you are unsure!

Things coming home...

We had a new member of our class join us last week, Sonny the Bear. Sonny travels around to different houses and has a special book inside his bag so we can document his adventures. You can add and photos or drawings to show us what you have been doing too!

We also have a very special Marvellous Me box. This is for the children to put in some special things from home. We encourage them to put in the same amount as their age, so either 4 or 5 things.

Finally, we have Pumpkin the hamster. We have sent a 'form' via ParentMail where you can indicate whether or not you would be able to have Pumpkin at the weekend. This is completely your decision and we understand that not everybody is able to have Pumpkin. If you have any photos you would like to send please send them to admin@madley.hereford.sch.uk.