

Curriculum update

12/10/20

Independent children

Thank you so much to everyone who took the time to send in photos and videos of their child dressing themselves independently last week. It was brilliant to see how proud the children were when sharing their photos with their peers in the classroom. The children seemed extremely eager to complete the challenge and I hope you felt the same at home too. There is a new weekly challenge listed below.

Weekly challenge – This week's challenge is a little harder but a skill that lots of children are really struggling with in the classroom. We are going to focus on additional items i.e coats and shoes. This week I would like you to turn the sleeves of your child's coat inside out and challenge them to reverse the sleeves and put their coat on zipped up as quickly as they can. Turning clothes inside out is a real challenge and might be something you practice first with other items of clothes before completing the challenge with the coat. Similarly, fastening both zips and buttons can be problematic so again this is something you might want to practice first. The next part of the challenge is...shoes! Shoes are often put on the wrong feet so I'd like this to be practiced too.

Once your child is ready, turn their coat inside out and present them with their school shoes muddled up and see how quickly they can put them on. There will be no set time this week the challenge is to be as quick as they can! Good Luck! Please send any photos/videos of your achievements to admin@madley.hereford.sch.uk.

A few reminders...

Now the weather is starting to become colder, please ensure that your child has a jumper/cardigan and warm coat in school every day please. The children love being outside but it isn't very pleasant without feeling warm. Also, please can you ensure that your child has a drink in school at all times. Finally, as the weather is colder we would encourage the children to wear leggings/jogging bottoms for PE as it's cold at playtime when wearing shorts.

Exploring on the minibus

Last week, half of the children were able to have their first outing on the minibus. This week the other half of the children will have their turn. Going out on the minibus is an vital part of our school but we talk about needing to be able to trust the children first which is why they go on a little adventure first. Unlike being in a car, there are a lot more distractions with more people and things potentially happening. We trust the children to choose their seat and pick someone they can sit next to sensibly. Once on the bus, the children have the task of putting on their seat belt and fastening it too. They were brilliant at helping one another, as sometimes it can be tough. After ensuring they were safely on the bus, the children went around the village and up to big Forest School. They got out of the bus and sat at the top of Forest School to see what was all around them. The other half of the class will do the same this week.

Reading

Thank you for adhering to our reading schedule over the past few weeks. As we are working through the new phonic sounds, we will start to send children home with books with sounds and simple words. As I said in the video on Madley TV, your child will have a book with words when they are ready so please don't compare your child to others. There may be points where two books come home and both of these should be returned on Fridays.

Goldilocks and the three bears

This week, we have shared the story Goldilocks and the Three Bears and have had lots of fun completing different activities. We celebrated National Forest School day on Friday by spending the afternoon outside building different sized things for Goldilocks to try. The children used natural materials to make: beds, chairs, sofas, bowls of porridge, houses and loved creating their own things too. I have shared some photos of our learning on our class page on the website.