Our theme this half term is: Wind in the Willows

Our learning this half term will be focused around our theme of Wind in the Willows. Therefore, we will be linking Animals in many of our subjects. For example, in maths the Reception children will be counting Animals in our woodland small world. In Literacy the Year 1 and 2 children will be looking at Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame and Beatrix Potter books such as Peter Rabbit and Tom Kitten. All the children will learn some animal poetry and do lots of fact finding about animals. We will have fun with poetry Recitals learning the poems by Spike Milligan Edward Lear, Hans Christian Anderson and Kenneth Grahame. The children will look at creatures in our environment through their forest school sessions.

Year 2 – Will be working hard this half term on preparation for their SATs in May and therefore will be having SATs booster 3 mornings a week.

**English**

The Year 1 and 2 children will focus on books by authors ‘Beatrix Potter’ and ‘Kenneth Grahame’. They will also look at Poetry by Spike Milligan, Edward Lear Hans Christian Anderson and Kenneth Grahame The focus will be animal poetry and the children will be looking at nonsense poetry and limericks, such as the Ning Nang Nong by Spike Milligan. The children find this great fun and usually produce some wonderful poetry themselves.

**Maths**

We will be covering shape, addition and subtraction, length, data handing, money, problem solving and multiplication and division. We will be applying mathematical areas to our topic where possible and we will be applying methods learned to practical activities and real life situations. If the weather permits we will take some of our learning outside.

**Science**

Our science lessons will take place on Monday and Science will also link to our Forest School activities on Thursday afternoon.This is the ideal environment to look at creatures and habitats. We will be doing some pond dipping and discovering habitats in these sessions.

**Understanding the world**

The children in the Foundation Stage will be concentrating on animals and will begin this half term looking at mini beasts their habitats as well as lifecycles for many animals. We are going to be growing our very own butterfly garden and observe all the changes. The children always enjoy finding out about animal babies, they will then compare animals that live in their own environment.

**Art and Design**

For the first part of the summer term we will be focusing on design technology and the children will make wind in the willows puppets. They will design and then sew their own characters and it will be wonderful if these can be exhibited in the Hodder Valley show. We will have to wait and see!

**Music**

In Music lessons we continue to follow the charanga programme which the children really enjoy.

**Physical Education and Physical Development.**

Our PE days they are Tuesday and Thursday. Please can you make sure that your child has their FULL PE KIT as last half term many children had to borrow our kits and pumps. Also please make sure your child has the correct sized pumps or trainers.

**Humanities**

This half term we are going to study Geography we are going to be looking at wonderful weather. We will begin by doing some weather watching, we will then look at different weather, hot weather and cold climates. How weather is different all over the world. The children always enjoy weather dangers and finally we will all become weather forecasters.

**RE**

Our RE this half term is all about our special places and that the Church is a special place for Christians. We will also look at what special places are special to other faiths.

**Role Play**

The role play this half term will be a Pet Shop. The children will dress as shopkeepers and they will learn through role play the importance of caring for pets and animals and how to keep them healthy.

**PSHE**

This term our PSHE will be all about relationships. We will begin with relationships in school. Making Friends and looking out for each other.

Then moving on to family bonds.

**Our Worship theme** is Friendship

***Things to bring in***

* ***Forest School Clothing on Thursday***
* ***PE KITS AND PUMPS LABELLED***
* Any books/items linked to our learning this term.
* **Please make sure you have your child’s reading book and reading record book in their bag at all times.**
* **Reception children need to have their word bags in their reading bags at all times.**
* **A water bottle labelled**

**Thank you for your continued support. Please do come and speak to us if you have any questions regarding our learning this term or would like to ask about your child’s individual targets.**

**Mrs Taylor & Miss Ormerod**