



Edgewood Primary School

Building skills and values for life

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Rainbow Class Autumn 2 Newsletter

We hope you all had a lovely half term break, we have loved hearing the children talk about your adventures.

Our topic this half term is "Light and dark". We will be learning about celebrations and festivals such as Diwali, Bonfire Night and Christmas and our focus story will be 'Oliver's Wood' by Sue Hendra. This newsletter outlines what we will be learning about in each area of the curriculum.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate in coming to speak to us!

Thank you,
Miss Tomlinson, Mrs Bellaby and Miss Smith

Personal, Social, Emotional Development

This half term our Jigsaw topic is 'Celebrating Differences'. We will support children to recognise what makes us all unique and learn about celebrations and festivals around the world.



Communication & Language

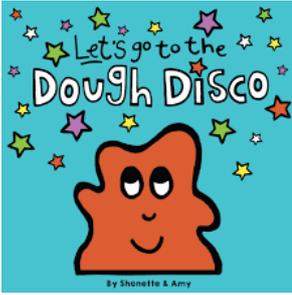
We recently introduced Poetry Basket and will continue to learn a new rhyme each week. This will support the children to develop new vocabulary. We will continue to support the children to ask and answer questions appropriately, engage in conversations with their peers and develop play ideas within a group.



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Physical Development



We have daily outdoor sessions where we encourage children to explore moving in a range of ways such as running and climbing. We have PE equipment such as bats, balls and skittles for children to use and develop games as a group. We also have daily dance or yoga sessions each morning.

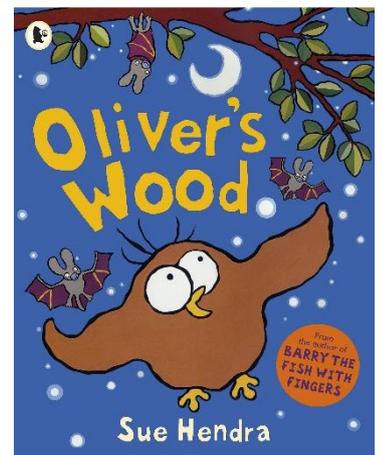
As part of our everyday provision, the children will have daily opportunities to develop their fine motor skills. This includes using tweezers, threading and developing scissors skills.

Literacy

This half term our focus story will be 'Oliver's Wood' by Sue Hendra to support our topic work about nocturnal and diurnal animals. We will be using story maps and puppets to help us retell the stories ourselves.

We will continue to encourage children to give meaning to the marks they make when painting and drawing and practise writing our names each morning.

We found that the children really enjoyed our 'spotlight book' initiative last half term, they are now so confident at retelling our selected focus stories themselves! We are excited to share our 6 new stories this half term.



Maths

This half term, we will be learning to recognise and name 2d shapes. We will support the children to develop their understanding of properties of shapes eg. a square has 4 corners and 4 straight sides that are the same length.

We will be learning to compare quantities using language such as more and fewer and begin to compare size and weight of objects.

Children will be encouraged to represent number through mark making activities eg. 3 lines to represent number 3.



The World

This half term the children will be learning about nocturnal and diurnal animals and their habitats. We will also encourage the children to discuss changes they notice in the environment as the season changes.



We will be learning about Diwali, Bonfire night and Christmas and how people celebrate them. We will encourage the children to recognise similarities and differences between these celebrations and reflect on their own experiences such as watching a firework display.

Arts and Design

Alongside our daily singing sessions, we will be learning lots of new songs in preparation for our Christmas performance.

We will continue to encourage the children to express their ideas and experiences by drawing, painting, building, telling stories through role-play and with small world resources.

Further information

Last half term we started to visit the library on each Thursday. As we have received most of the children's library cards now, children can begin to take home a book each week. Please return these to us on Thursday morning.

Please can you ensure all of your child's belongings; jumpers and cardigans, water bottles, bags, lunch boxes and coats have been labelled with their name. It can be tricky for children to remember which of these items belong to them and it ensures that we can return any lost items to you more easily.

Thank you all for your engagement on Seesaw. We love seeing the photos you send us from home and the children are always so proud to share these with their friends in class.

EYFS Christmas performance dates

Wednesday 14th December PM

Thursday 15th December AM

We will send more information about the timings of these performances at a later date.