



Woodlands Theme Overview

Class - Squirrels



CISS Values

Communication — To be confident communicators in their own form of communication.

Inclusion — To experience opportunities that develop a strong sense of belonging whilst embracing diversity and individuality.

Independence — To be as independent as possible and have self-help skills for learning and life.

Social interaction — To be confident to engage in social interaction using the social skills they have learnt and developed in their own unique way.

Success — To be happy and confident individuals who access and learn from an enriched curriculum that meets their needs.

Theme — My Super Self



Books

The Colour Monster- Anna Llenas

Funny Bones- Janet and Allan Ahlberg

The Perfect Fit- Naomi Jones

Our Class is a Family- Shannon Olsen

Love Monster- Rachel Bright

Out and About

This term we will be focussing on our rules and safety when going out into the community. We will discuss dangers that might occur, social rules and also practice walking with our partners. Most of our journeys will be exploring the local community, including local shops, streets and parks. We will take photos on our trips and use these as communication opportunities back in school.



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Communication & Interaction/Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we will have a great focus on our feelings. We will use the book *The Colour Monster* to initially to spark discussion about the different ways people can feel and react to situations. The children will use role play to demonstrate how different emotions might look in our body and what we can do when we feel sad or angry. To support our communication, the children will use family pictures to share and engage with the class. The children will also communicate their likes and dislikes through drawings and this will also link with our RE topic of belonging. On some afternoons Squirrels class will have structured play to encourage their interaction with each other

Scientific Technologies/Understanding the World

In Science, the children will be learning all about their own bodies. We will look at the different parts of the body and label. The children will start to look at the different organs and their purpose. We will learn about the 5 senses by taking a practical approach. In our cooking lessons the children will practice their chopping and grating skills. For Art this term, we will be drawing self-portraits. The children will use different mediums such as water colours, sketching and pen work to create various versions of themselves. In History, Squirrels class will be exploring the Northampton Shoe Industry. We will think about our own shoes, what they were like in the past and will look at the building where the shoes were made.

English and Maths

This term in Maths, Squirrel class will be learning about place value and calculations. We will be first focussing on counting on by filling in missing number tracks. Later in the term we will introduce adding and subtracting by giving children new methods to support their calculations.

As part of our English, we will be using books to inspire writing. We will be using the 'talk for writing' approach to immerse children in the story 'The Love Monster'. The children will use drama and role play to think about the characters and they will create their own version on the story. We will also start to use comprehension questions but supporting the children through visuals.