Woodlands Theme Overview



Class-Badgers



CIISS 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 – If you go down to the woods today



Books

We will be exploring a range of books that focus mainly upon the environment and recycling. Titles include:

Greta and the Giants by Zoe Tucker (Talk for writing theme)

The Tin Forest by Helen Ward

The Junkyard Wonders by Patricia Polacco

The Twits by Roald Dahl (class read)

Out and About

This terms out and about will focus on and help consolidate learning in science, geography, citizenship and english.

Badgers will enjoy trips to Irchester Country Park to explore the different creatures and vegetation of the woodlands, including minibeast hunting and natural scavenger hunts. As part of our focus on climate change and the 3 R's we'll also be visiting local charity shops to see how we can effectively reuse items as well as litter picking in the local community.

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Communication & Interaction/Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children will continue to explore and develop their communication and friendship skills through a range of activities including games, role plays, hot seating, PSHE sessions and interoception sessions. They will spend time exploring the topic 'If you go down to the woods today' and focus on how they can support their local communities and environments as part of the climate change element of the topic.

Scientific Technologies/Understanding the World

This term Badgers class will explore the areas of D.T, Art, Geography and Science. As part of Geography they will be looking at different habitats, comparing their own habitat/community to others and the geographical features that make them unique. Science will focus upon the animals that live within these habitats and how they are suited to them. Overarching both subjects will be a focus on climate change and how it affects our planet, as well as looking at how we can help to protect our environment.

Within Art the children will be working with a range of natural materials to produce pattern and natural art work. Whilst DT will focus upon using a range of fixing techniques to build and make models using recycled materials.

English and Maths

Maths: Within maths we will be focusing on Number and place value, calculation and measures. We will be looking at a range of measurements including temperature, money, height and length which we will use real life experiences and resources to explore. Through calculation we will be consolidating addition and subtraction and developing our understanding of multiplication and division.

English: This term we will continue to develop both their oral and written communication. We will be focusing upon direct speech in their writing and their use of persuasive language to try to justify and bring others thoughts into line with their own opinions. Our main talk for writing text will be 'Greta and the Giants' and we will be exploring this through our continuous provision as well as all of our other subjects.