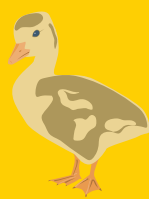




OWLS & GOSLINGS AUTUMN 2



Welcome back, we are looking forward to a busy and exciting half term ahead. Mrs Chisman and Mrs Cross are always here to chat if you have any questions - a quick chat in person, an email via owls@gooderstone.dneat.org or make an appointment with us. This half term, our theme is "Knowing Yourself"

Important Information

Mrs Sayers - PPA cover Mon am.
Mrs Cross - Mon pm, Tues and Wed.
Mrs Chisman - Thurs and Fri.
Miss Wilson - TA Mon-Wed, Fri.
Mrs Stanbridge - 1-2-1 support and TA Mon-Fri.

Woodland Wildlings: Wednesdays
PE: Fridays

Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSHE)

We will be talking about ourselves. We will celebrate what makes us unique and what we are proud of. We will learn about the qualities of a good friend, our families including how they are similar and different. and why our homes are important to us.

Communication and Language

We will be exploring what a question is and what makes a good question. We will continue to enjoy our conversations with the children throughout the day, exploring new ideas and vocabulary through stories. We offer stem sentences to support speaking in full sentences and just spend time chatting and listening.



Phonics and reading

Reception will be learning the Phase 3 letter sounds and practicing sounding out and blending to read. We will learn more non-decodable words and spot these in our reading. Please send your child's book bag in daily & support reading at home - both phonic books an dreading for pleasure.

Nursery will continue exploring sound, rhyme and alliteration in small group time.



Maths

Opportunity to explore number, shape and measure is provided throughout our rich environment. **Reception** will be showing our skills in counting one object at a time, recognising the pattern of 5 including how it is made up and can be broken apart into different parts e.g. 3 conkers and 2 sticks. We will also be practicing our number formation.

Nursery will enjoy short group time activities which include singing, games and counting up to 3 and comparing objects.



Literacy

We will continue learning how to form letters correctly through a multi sensory approach and begin to apply phonic knowledge when writing simple words. We will be learning what makes a simple sentence including using capital letter at the start of a word and leaving spaces between words. Our first book is *Halibut Jackson* followed by *Ning and the Night Spirits*.



Expressive Art and Design

Music: We spend a lot of time singing nursery and action rhymes in our class. We will start singing festive songs as the half term progresses.

Art and design: We are going to be studying Andy Goldsworthy sculpture and creating our own circle and spiral themed art using natural materials.



Understanding the World

Science: We will explore materials, naming and comparing different types and purposes. We will design an outfit for a purpose.

History: We will exploring what makes people similar and different and talk about how we have changed from when we were babies as well as identifying our body parts.

RE: We will explore the question: Why do Christians learn about the Nativity at Christmas?

Collective worship: we will have daily worship where to explore bible stories, sing, create art and share ideas.

Much of our learning is driven by the children's interests and curious questions that they ask throughout the half term.



Physical Development

PE is on a Friday. We will be doing fundamental skills including: balance, running and stopping, changing direction, jumping, hopping, landing and different ways to travel. Please send your child in wearing PE kit (navy or black shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings, a house t-shirt, a navy or black jumper or zipped top and suitable trainers). They can remain in PE kit all day.

Woodland Wildlings

Every Wednesday morning we will head down to the woodland. Please send your child in wearing suitable waterproof outdoor clothing and footwear (wellies). Spare clothes should be in a separate bag in case children get wet or muddy. Please ensure your child has plenty of layers and hats, scarves and gloves as the weather cools.

We are welcoming donations of marshmallows and hot chocolate.



Spare clothing

Please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled and that children have clothing appropriate for the weather and a water bottle.

Please ensure your child has spare clothes each day at school including socks/tights (which we never have enough spares of!).

Please ensure that any spare items of clothing that come home are washed and returned to school.