

Curriculum Overview

Autumn 2 2023

Palm Tree Class

Dear families,

Welcome back to Autumn 2. This term is shaping up to be a busy one with lots to do in and outside the classroom.

This term our topic is 'Into the woods'. We will be looking at different features of green areas in the U.K and continuing our learning with using maps.

We are also very much looking forward to all our Christmas events. Please see the upcoming dates for more detail.

If you would like to speak to me, please just grab me on the gate or make an appointment via the office.

Warmest regards,
Miss Donnelly



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Important information:

- Please ensure all your children's clothing is labelled clearly with their name.
- Please consider booking non-emergency appointments out of school time to avoid missed learning.

Key dates

A vertical calendar titled 'UPCOMING events AUTUMN TERM - SECOND HALF 2023' with a dark background and festive decorations. It lists events from October 31st to December 21st, including coffee mornings, dress-up days, and Christmas events.

| Date | Event |
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| 31st OCT | Children return to school 8:45 INSET day on Monday 30th October |
| 1st NOV | Coffee Morning - Times Tables |
| 1st NOV | Coffee Morning - It takes a Village |
| 8th NOV | Coffee Morning - SEND support drop-in |
| 15th NOV | Coffee Morning - Handwriting |
| 17th NOV | Children in Need Dress Up Day |
| 20th to 24th NOV | Bikability - Y5 & 6 |
| 21st NOV | Coffee Morning - Sleep support |
| 22nd to 24th NOV | Upton Court part two - Y4 |
| 29th NOV | Coffee Morning - Speech and Language |
| 5th DEC | Coffee Morning - Supporting your child |
| 5/6th DEC | Children's Progress evenings - Please book in |
| 8th DEC | Coffee Morning - Staying safe online |
| 12th DEC | Coffee Morning - Supporting anxiety |
| 12th DEC | CHRISTMAS FAYRE! 3:45-5:30pm |
| 14th to 18th DEC | Nativities @ The Church (All 2:00pm) Thursday 14th Dec: Y5 & 6 Friday 15th Dec: Y2, 3 & 4 Monday 18th Dec: EYFS & Y1 |
| 19th DEC | Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas lunch (for children) |
| 20th DEC | 9:00-10:00am School Christmas Church Service |
| 21st DEC | Last Day - join us from 1:45pm for carols in the playground |

Maths

In Maths, this term we are continuing our knowledge of numbers to 100 and developing our understanding of measurement and fractions. Please practise counting with your child and reading & writing the numbers 1-20.

RE

In R.E our focus is looking at the importance of the Nativity story. We will be learning about Angel Gabriel and the roles Mary and Joseph had in the Nativity story.

Computing

In computing we are going to be collectors, as we will learn to use technology to inform. We will be researching different animals and learning how to group them.

PE days

PE this term is on **Fridays**. Please ensure children are wearing the correct kit for PE: house colour t-shirt, school jumper and navy joggers/leggings.

Reading

In reading lessons, we will follow the RWI scheme. Children will practise skills such as segmenting and blending to read words. We will also be continuing with our phonic groups. Please also ensure you are reading at home and practising the new words in their phonics packs. As always, your support at home is appreciated and does not go unnoticed.

Writing

This term we will continue with creating a story map and retelling the story. There will be more chances for the children to be independent Writers as they will learn to form more complex sentences. They will be encouraged to add details of their own using adjectives.

History / Geography

We will be identifying key features of green areas in our local area and around the U.K. Children will be using geographical words to refer to key physical features. We will be continuing our learning using maps and labelling green areas of London on a map.

Science

In science we will be observing closely how plants change over time and identify different parts of a plant. The children will have the opportunity to use their observations and ideas along with exploring the reason for living things to be in different environments.



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*This half term in Year
1 we are thinking,
learning and
remembering...*

We are reading...

