



Dragonflies Curriculum Newsletter

All about me—Autumn 2023

Mathematics

The children will be focusing on counting and recognising numerals. They will be provided with lots of practical opportunities to learn to count objects and make sets when counting. The children will be introduced to a variety of ways to represent each number as they develop their understanding of the number system. They will also learn how to solve simple number problems.



Literacy

The children will learn to experiment with different ways of mark making using a variety of media and will be encouraged to give meaning to the marks that they make. They will be taught how to form letter shapes and to recognise and write their name. Drawing Club will take place as part of the children's writing session each week, through this we will use a text or animation and focus on vocabulary. The children will then use their imagination to mark make leading to writing graphemes, then words and eventually sentences. Phonics will be taught using the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds programme and during the daily phonics sessions, the children will learn letter sounds (phonemes) and how to blend these sounds together for reading and writing. The children will be bringing home a reading diary and reading books to share and practice with you at home. You will receive further information about how you can support with this later this half term.



Phonics reading books – Changed **weekly**

Library books – Changed every **Friday**

Rainbow Reads will be counted on a Thursday

Please make sure your child's reading books and diaries are in school every day.



Your child will need a named pair of wellies and puddle suit which can be left in school. Forest School Sessions will begin with Miss Garrett on Monday 11th October.



Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will be spending time establishing routines and expectations together, as well as introducing our Anker Valley school values. We will be learning how to keep ourselves and those around us safe and how to be a kind friend. We will also be reading 'The Colour Monster', to help us to talk about our feelings and consider the feelings of others.



Communication & Language

We will be sharing a wide range of stories linked to our theme and will encourage the children to engage in discussions about them. The children will learn to take turns when speaking and listening and will continue to develop their speaking and listening skills through the use of small world and role play in the classroom.

Expressive Arts & Design

The children will create pictures and models of themselves, their families and their homes. They will have access to a wide range of resources, for example, playdough, recycled materials and construction kits.



Understanding the World

The children will be finding out about their new school and talking about their families. They will learn to recognise and talk about similarities and differences between themselves and others.



Tapestry

We will be using the Tapestry online learning journal to record the children's achievements during their time in Dragonflies. There will be one focused observation by a member of staff each half term, as well as wow moments. Please add achievements from home too, such as swimming badges or sporting awards.



Key Dates for Dragonflies



Tuesday 5th September—Dragonflies first day at school, morning only.

Wednesday 6th September – Dragonflies in for the morning only.

Thursday 7th September – Dragonflies full time from today

Friday 8th September—Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 22nd September—Jeans for Genes Day

Thursday 28th September—Flu Immunisations

Tuesday 10th October—Hello Yellow

Friday 13th October—Inset Day—school closed to children

Monday 30th October—Friday 3rd November—Half Term—School Closed

Monday 6th November—School reopens

Please keep checking 'The Dates for your Diary' section on our weekly newsletters.

Physical Development

P.E lessons will be on a **Wednesday** with Mrs Horlor. Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school; labelled with their name to help when changing. PE kits will be sent home at the end of each half term for washing. The children will have access to fine motor and gross motor skill activities each day both inside and outside the classroom.

Staffing in Dragonflies

Mrs K Davies Monday—Friday

Miss S Murrell Monday—Friday

PPA will be covered by Mrs Horlor and Miss Garrett Wednesday pm



How you can support your child at home

Please encourage your child's independence, for example, getting dressed, putting their coat and shoes on and toileting. Share their library books with them to help foster a love of books and reading. Each day read your child's decodable book with them and practise the recognition of sounds (phonemes).

