



Dragonflies Curriculum Newsletter

Light and Dark

Autumn 2024



Mathematics

The children will continue to work 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 continue 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 participate in Drawing Club, where they will be taught to hear and write the initial sounds for words. The children will also be taught how to form letter shapes and to recognise and write their name.



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 phonics activities to practice with you at home to help with this. They will also bring home a reading diary and reading books to share and practice with you at home.

Phonics reading books – Changed every Friday

Library books – Changed every Thursday

Rainbow Reads will be counted on a Thursday

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



Forest School sessions will be held on a **Tuesday**.

Your child will need a named pair of wellies and puddle suit, which can be left in school.



Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will continue to introduce the 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 be using our feelings station in the classroom and the calm down area to develop our understanding of the different emotions we feel and what we can do to manage our feelings.



Communication & Language

We will be sharing a wide range of stories linked to our theme and encouraging 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. The children will take part in a weekly circle time where they will have the option to share something with their peers.

Expressive Arts & Design

The children will continue to focus on drawing with increasing complexity and detail. They will experiment using different clay techniques including pinching and pressing to make Diva lamps. The children will use paint in different ways to make fireworks pictures.



The children will be finding out about the Hindu celebration Diwali. They will learn about Bonfire Night and how to stay safe using the Firework Code. They will learn about the Christmas story and how Christmas is celebrated around the world.



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 15th / Thursday 17th September— Parents Evening

Thursday 24th October— Non-uniform day and Pumpkin Festival

Friday 25th October— Inset Day

28th October – 4th November— Half Term

Monday 11th November— Remembrance Day at 10:45

Tuesday 12th November— Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week

Friday 29th November— Christingle Assembly

2nd – 6th December— Final week for after school clubs.

Tuesday 10th December— Reception and Year One Nativity – 6pm

Friday 13th December— Reception and Year One Nativity – 9am

Monday 16th December— Christmas Pantomime - 4-5:15pm

Wednesday 18th December— Christmas Dinner Day

Thursday 19th December— Santa Safari trip

Physical Development

P.E lessons will be on a **Wednesday**.

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

Miss A Herrick – Monday – Friday

Miss I Stacey – Monday – Friday

Miss S Garrett – Tuesday Forest School Sessions

Miss S Murrell – Tuesday afternoons



How you can support your child at home

Please listen to your child read **at least three times** weekly and record in their reading diaries. Please also practice their phonic sounds and word cards daily if possible

