



Dragonflies Curriculum Newsletter

Once upon a time... (Traditional Tales)

Spring Term 2022



Mathematics

The children will further their understanding of what 0 looks like. They will compare numbers up to 8 and explore different ways to make the numbers, using number bonds e.g. $3 + 2 = 5$. The children will begin to compare mass and capacity, focusing on how to measure accurately. They will also begin to understand and compare length and height. The children will order significant events, including days of the week and months of the year. They will begin to develop an understanding of how to measure time too.

Literacy

The children will use their knowledge from phonics to spell words by identifying sounds in them and representing the sounds with a letter or letters. They will read aloud simple sentences that are consistent with their phonic knowledge.

In handwriting sessions, the formation of both lower and upper case letters will continue to be practised. Phonics will continue to be taught daily and this term the children will be introduced to the Phase 3 sounds. Dragonflies will continue to have group reading sessions three times a week. In addition to this they will have the opportunity to read one to one with an adult too.

Library and Phonics books – Changed every Friday
Rainbow Reads are counted on a Friday after Family Assembly.

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



Tapestry

There will be one focused observation by a member of staff each half term and regular Wow moments. Please add their achievements from home too.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will continue to introduce the Anker Valley Virtues. Through a weekly circle time the children will show an understanding of their feelings and the feelings of others. Through our topic they will understand the importance of healthy food and choices.



Communication & Language

We will share a range of traditional fairy tales and alternative versions of these stories. The children will have the opportunity to ask and answer questions about the texts. They will share their own ideas about their favourite traditional tales. The children will develop their vocabulary to be able to talk about past events, which have happened in the stories.

Expressive Arts & Design

The children will continue to explore a variety of tools, materials and techniques to create pictures and models of the characters within the stories we read, including the Three Little Pig's houses, the Gingerbread Man and Jack and the Beanstalk. They will continue to develop their own narrative through role playing different characters both in the role play area and with the small world resources.



Understanding the World

The children will make links to Queen Elizabeth and castles. They will explore properties of materials and the children will be showing care by growing beans and cress. Dragonflies will learn about Chinese New Year, the Holi festival, Lent, Palm Sunday, Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday.



Our **Forest School Sessions** will take place every **Friday**. Your child will need a pair of wellies and a puddle suit to keep in school labelled with their name.



Key Dates for Dragonflies

4th January – Inset Day (School closed to pupils)

5th January – Spring term Starts

4th February – Number Day (children to dress up as their favourite number)

21st February – 25th February – Half term

1st March – Pancake Day Race (more details to follow)

3rd March World Book Day (more details to follow)

18th March Holi Festival of Colour (more details to follow)

11th–22nd April Easter Holidays

25th April INSET Day – School Closed to pupils



Continue to check on the Anker Valley weekly Newsletter for additional dates/events to be added.

Physical Development

P.E lessons will be on a **Wednesday** with Mrs Horlor and **Thursday** with Mrs Free. Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school; labelled with their name to help when changing.

The children will have access to physical activities each day both inside and outside the classroom. We will also be focusing on developing the children's fine motor skills. They will learn to use and hold a range of equipment correctly during mark making/writing and creative challenges.



Staffing in Dragonflies

Mrs A Free – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

Mrs N Horlor – Monday afternoon and all day on a Wednesday

Miss S Garrett – Monday – Friday

Sam Lewis – Based at Anker Valley every Wednesday.

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 practise their phonic sounds and word cards daily if possible.

