



Dragonflies Curriculum Newsletter

All about me!

Autumn 2022

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.



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 with you at home. You will receive further information about how you can support with this later this half term.

Phonics reading books – Changed every Thursday

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 after October half term.



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 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 be using their 'Chatterboxes' to talk about their immediate families and themselves.

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 6th September—Dragonflies first day at school, morning only. Parents invited for lunch.

Wednesday 7th September – Dragonflies in for the morning only. Parents invited for lunch.

Thursday 8th September – Dragonflies full time from today

Friday 16th September—Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 23rd September—Jeans for Genes Day

Thursday 29th September—Flu Immunisations

Monday 10th October—Hello Yellow

Monday 24th October—Friday 28th October—Half Term—School Closed

Monday 31st October—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 A Free —Monday—Friday

Mrs S Garrett—Tuesday—Friday afternoons

Mrs N Horlor —Every morning and alternating Wednesday mornings/afternoons.

Sam Lewis— Based at Anker Valley one day per week.



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.



Drop in session—Mrs Free will be available 3.30-4.00pm every Friday, if you have any questions or concerns.