



Dragonflies Curriculum Newsletter

Once upon a time... (Traditional Tales)

Spring Term Two 2023

Mathematics

The children will further their understanding of the numbers 9 and 10. They will compare numbers up to 10 and explore different ways to make the numbers, using number bonds e.g. $6 + 4 = 10$. 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 review the Phase 3 sounds and begin reading longer words. Dragonflies will continue to have group reading sessions three times a week and will bring home a reading book from these sessions.

Phonics books – Changed every **Thursday**
Library books – Changed every **Friday**
Rainbow Reads are counted on a **Thursday**
 Please make sure your child's reading books and diaries are **in school every day**.

Tapestry

A home learning task will be added to Tapestry **each Friday**, this is to be completed by the following Friday. Please add photographs/videos of your child's learning at home.

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 continue to read 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 Jack and the Beanstalk, The Three Billy Goats Gruff and Goldilocks and the Three Bears. 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 explore properties of materials and the children will be showing care by growing beans. Dragonflies will learn about religious festivals including the Holi festival, and the Easter Story.

Our **Forest School Sessions** will take place on a **Thursday morning**. The children will need wellies and puddle suits in school.



Key Dates for Dragonflies



Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day and Bed-time cookies for sale after school (Children to come to school in their pyjamas and slippers)

Wednesday 8th March – Holi Festival (Children to come dressed in brightly coloured non-uniform)

Friday 17th March – Ladies Lunch (Mother's Day)

Wednesday 24th March – Easter Bonnet Parade (3:00pm in the hall)

Friday 31st March – Chocolate Bingo (Non-Uniform Day – donations of chocolate for Bingo night)

Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April –

Easter Holiday

Monday 17th April – INSET Day

Tuesday 18th April – Dragonflies trip to Parkridge

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. 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-Friday

Mrs N Horlor – Wednesday afternoons

Miss S Garrett – Monday – Friday

Miss L Renshaw – Thursday afternoons



How you can support your child at home

Please listen to your child read **daily** and record in their reading diaries. Please also practise their phonic sounds and word cards **daily** if possible. Access to the **1-minute White Rose Maths app** would be beneficial too.

