



Caterpillar Class

Newsletter





Spring Term 2024

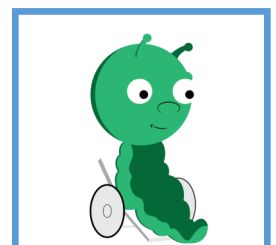
Happy New Year from Caterpillar Class!

We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas holiday, it is great to see you all back at school. We are in for another fun term at Woodsetton, we cannot wait to jump straight back into our dancing and signing routines. Most importantly, we are excited that this term we will be talking, eating and learning about lots of different foods - Let's find out what you like or dislike.

Here's to hoping we have a term full of WOW moments to share with you.

Miss Beckley :)








	<p>Phonics & Reading</p> <p>This term we will continue learning our Level 2 Phonemes and Graphemes. We will practise mark making these different graphemes as well as learning the different Makaton signs for each phoneme. We love to listen to a range of Phonics songs on Youtube.</p>
	<p>English including Communication</p> <p>This term we are learning a range of Traditional Tales and also about two very special world celebrations such as The Gingerbread Man, Goldilocks and the Three Bears and The Little Red Hen. Our learning will be supported by the use of ALD's and Makaton.</p>
	<p>Maths</p> <p>This term for Maths we will be securing our knowledge of the different numbers we can recognise as well as seeing if we can count to this number using 1:1 pointing. We will also explore the concepts of full and empty, hot</p>
	<p>Jigsaw</p> <p>We will be exploring the topics of 'Dreams and Goals' and 'Healthy Me' this term. During our 'Dreams and Goals' lessons we will be setting challenges, aiming high and persevering. During our 'Healthy Me' lessons we will be learning about the importance of exercise, food, water and keeping our bodies clean.</p>





Our topic is Once Upon a Story.

Our Spring term topic will be all about Traditional Tales. We will be finding out what happened to 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' and how many characters it took to pull 'The Enormous Turnip' out of the ground. We will also be learning a range of Nursery Rhymes & Songs including: Old MacDonalD Had a Farm and I'm a Little Teapot.

	<p>Understanding The World (Science, Humanities, RE & Computing)</p> <p>Our learning this term will be mainly be Science based. We will be exploring seasons, exploring changes through baking and learning about our five bodily senses. During our Computing lessons, we will be making pictures, playing games and accessing a range of Beebots, torches and remote control cars. This will also be developed when accessing the dishwasher, microwave and oven with adult support.</p>
	<p>Expressive Arts & Design (Art, DT & Music)</p> <p>We will certainly be getting our hands messy during our Expressive Arts & Design lessons. From making gingerbread playdough, to making porridge and painting with different vegetables. During our Music lessons we will be exploring the concepts of playing music: loudly, quietly, quickly and slowly. We will be using a range of instruments and begin to learn how to take it in turns when playing.</p>
	<p>Physical Development (PE, Fine Motor Skills & Gross Motor Skills)</p> <p>We will be getting very active during our PE sessions, whether this be through learning Gymnastics in the hall to practising and developing our gross motor skills at Soft Play. We will be practising our, jumping, spinning, balancing and rolling skills. We will also be working on our fine motor skills this term through the use of Disco Dough and tweezers,</p>
	<p>Life Skills</p> <p>In Spring 1 we will be looking at construction. We will be using a range of materials such as large duplo blocks, stickle bricks and biscuits to build, create and construct items like houses, bridges linking to our tales such as The Three Billy Goats Gruff, and The Gingerbread Man.</p>
	<p>British Values (Personal Development)</p> <p>We will be looking at expressing our preferences and making choices to support us in our communication. In addition, we will also be looking at continuing to develop our friendships with other children. As a class and following on individually we will also be looking at identifying emotions and facial expressions such as happy, sad and angry. To do this, we will be using visual aids, puppets and ALD boards.</p>
	<p>Home Learning</p> <p>Reading Eggs/Maths Seeds. We are using Education City and Purple Mash and we will be sending details out soon.</p>
	<p>Our class email is: caterpillar@woodsetton.dudley.sch.uk</p> <p>The school email is: info@woodsetton.dudley.sch.uk</p> <p>Please use the home/school book to inform us of any important information. Please call the school office if you any need any support. 01384 818265</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thankyou for your ongoing support.</p>