



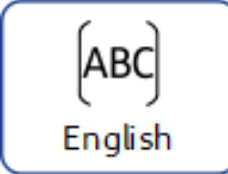
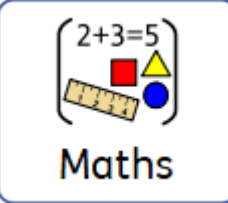


# Caterpillar Class

## Newsletter

### Autumn Term 2025

#### Welcome to Caterpillar Class!

A big hello and heartfelt welcome to all our new pupils and families. The team in Caterpillar Class is thrilled to have your children join us at Woodsetton School. It's been wonderful to see how confidently they've settled in—embracing our routines and engaging enthusiastically in their learning. This Autumn Term, we're diving into the world of traditional nursery rhymes with our exciting topic: *Rhyme Time!*



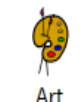





	<p>This term, our focus is on nursery rhymes, using sensory stories to spark imagination and enhance learning. We'll explore mark making through a variety of fun and engaging activities that promote creativity and early writing development. To support fine motor skills, children will take part in Dough Disco and Squiggle While You Wiggle sessions, laying strong foundations for confident mark making and writing.</p>
	<p><b>Maths</b></p> <p>In our maths sessions, we will focus on building children's understanding of numbers through practical, hands-on activities. We'll explore one-to-one correspondence, counting, and matching using concrete resources such as Unifix cubes, Numicon, and counting blocks to support meaningful learning and engagement.</p>
	<p>We will continue to hold regular communication sessions to support and develop each child's ability to express themselves confidently. As a Total Communication school, we use a wide range of approaches tailored to individual needs, including Attention Autism, Intensive Interaction, choice boards, Makaton signing, Aided Language Displays (ALDs), and AAC (Augmentative and Alternative Communication) systems. These tools help ensure every child has a voice and can communicate in the way that works best for them.</p>
	<p>In our Understanding the World sessions, children explore their wider environment through rich sensory experiences. We use hands-on activities like water play, nature walks, and textured materials to spark curiosity. These sessions help children notice changes, make connections, and develop awareness of people, places, and the world around them.</p>





## This term our topic is...Rhyme Time

We will be focusing on traditional nursery rhymes, using sensory trays and Makaton to develop a deeper understanding. Some of the stories/rhymes we will be focusing on are; Humpty Dumpty, Twinkl Twinkl and Jack and Jill.

	<p>Understanding the world</p> <p>During our lessons, we will explore similarities and differences, observe changes in the weather, and learn about life cycles. We'll also encourage children to take an interest in their family, friends, and the wider Caterpillar Class community, helping to build social awareness and connection.</p>
	<p>Jigsaw</p> <p>This term we will be diving into our topic, 'Being Me in My World' and 'Celebrating Difference'. During our Jigsaw lessons, we will be looking at 'feelings' and welcoming Jigsaw Jenie.</p>
	<p>Art &amp; Music</p> <p>We will be experimenting with colours through colour mixing, collaging, and modelling in Art, using a variety of materials and techniques to inspire creativity and self-expression in every child's artistic journey.</p>
	<p>Music</p> <p>In Music, we continue to follow the Charanga Curriculum, where children will be introduced to a variety of instruments. We'll be practising important skills like holding, playing, and passing instruments as part of our musical exploration.</p>
	<p>Computing</p> <p>This term in Computing, children will explore mechanical and movement-controlled toys like Bee-Bots and use iPads to access learning platforms such as Purple Mash. We'll also introduce everyday technology, including appliances like microwaves and blenders, helping children connect computing to the world around them.</p>
	<p>RE</p> <p>We will be introducing our new Jigsaw RE Charter. Our new character in Class is Bertie the Owl. Our focus is 'Special people and Me'.</p>
	<p>PE</p> <p>In our Physical Development sessions, we will continue to build both fine and gross motor skills each week. For fine motor development, children will practise movements such as pinching, rolling, and squeezing using materials like playdough. Our gross motor activities will focus on actions like hopping, jumping, crawling, and running, supported by the Twinkl programme <i>Dance 'Til You Drop</i>, which encourages active movement through fun and engaging routines.</p>
	<p>Life Skills</p> <p>This term, our focus is on <i>Keeping Safe and the Right to Choose</i>. Key sessions will support children in exploring personal preferences, making choices, and beginning to recognise situations that may be unsafe.</p>