

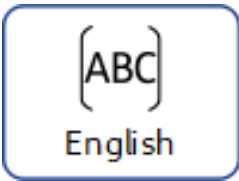
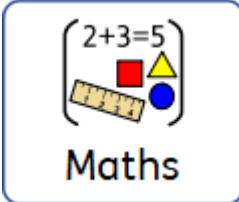


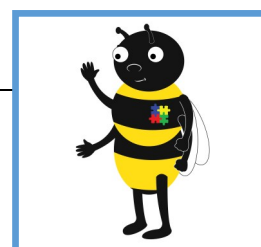
Bee Class Newsletter Autumn Term 2026

Welcome to Bee Class!

We hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful summer break. We are excited to welcome everyone back for another fun-filled and successful year at Woodsetton School. Bee Class is part of Upper Key Stage 2 and the class is led by Miss Beckley, supported by two teaching assistants, and consists of 10 children.

We have an exciting Autumn term ahead, with parent workshops, special celebrations, and lots of engaging learning opportunities planned. We are looking forward to seeing everyone back in school and cannot wait to share our achievements and celebrations with you throughout the year.

	Throughout our English lessons, we will be working hard to develop communication skills using Colourful Semantics and exploring a range of exciting shared stories. This term, some of our focus texts include <i>What Makes Me a Me</i> and <i>The Day the Crayons Quit</i>. We will also continue with daily phonics sessions to strengthen our understanding of phonemes and graphemes and support reading and writing development. Please ensure that your child's reading pack is in their school bag every day. We will hear your child read at least twice each week and will continue to encourage a love of reading and helping them to develop confidence.
	In Maths this half-term, we will be developing a range of key number skills, including securing our counting abilities and strengthening our understanding of the relationship between numbers and quantities by matching digits to amounts and vice versa. We will also be introducing tally charts. In addition, we will be building our knowledge of 2D shapes, exploring money in practical contexts, and developing our understanding of addition and subtraction through a variety of engaging activities.
	As a school, we provide a Total Communication Environment, supporting all children to develop their communication skills and become more independent communicators. This approach gives pupils access to a range of communication methods, helping them to express their wants, needs, thoughts, and feelings with increasing confidence. We also continue to enjoy our twice-weekly Bucket Time sessions, which help to develop listening, attention, and engagement skills through fun and motivating activities. These sessions provide valuable opportunities for children to build focus, concentration, and readiness for learning.
	This autumn term, we will be learning about life cycles and exploring how different animals grow, change, and develop throughout their lives. We will also be learning about the importance of staying healthy by looking at how important exercise and healthy eating are.





This term our topic is...

Our topic this term is 'Marvellous Me'. We will be reading and enjoying a range of stories, including *Who Are You?*, *Remarkably You* and *Into the Forest*. These books will help us to think about ourselves, our families and what makes each of us special. Through stories and practical sensory activities, pupils will develop their communication, reading and understanding skills.

 History	In Autumn 2, we will be learning about different aspects of Victorian life and finding out what life was like for people in the past. We will also revisit and reflect on our exciting trip to the Black Country Living Museum, helping us to develop our understanding of the Victorian era through our first-hand experiences.
 Geography	This Autumn 1, we will be learning about the local area of Dudley, exploring maps and discovering its physical and human features. We will learn about where we live and what makes our local community special.
 PSHE	During the Autumn term, we will be learning about <i>Being Me in My World</i> and <i>Celebrating Difference</i>. Pupils will explore rules, responsibilities and making positive choices, as well as learning about respecting and valuing differences between people.
 Art	Our artwork this term is linked to our 'Marvellous Me' topic. We will be using a range of materials and techniques to create self-portraits, inspired by the work of the artist Pablo Picasso. Through this, pupils will explore how artists can represent people in different and creative ways.
 Music	This term, we will be following the Charanga music scheme. Pupils will enjoy listening to a variety of songs and using percussion instruments to develop their understanding of rhythm. We will also be exploring loud and quiet sounds. We will also be enjoying weekly sessions with Del from DPA.
 Computing	In our weekly computing lessons, pupils will be using tablets to develop their technology skills. They will learn how to use ALDs to make choices and select apps independently, as well as using Twinkl Symbols to support and develop their communication skills.
 RE	Throughout the Autumn term, we will be learning about Christianity. Pupils will explore who Jesus is and why Christians believe he is a gift from God. We will also learn about parables, including stories that teach us about kindness, caring for others and helping people, and discuss how we can show these values in our daily lives.
 PE	This Autumn term, pupils will be learning hockey skills, including how to dribble and control a ball with a hockey stick. They will also take part in a gymnastics unit, exploring different body shapes and movements. We will continue to enjoy fortnightly visits to the Unicorn Centre for soft play.
 Life Skills	During the Autumn term, pupils will be taking part in litter picking activities and learning about the importance of caring for our local environment. Pupils will also learn key road safety skills, including how to cross the road safely and identify safe places to cross, such as traffic lights and pedestrian crossings.