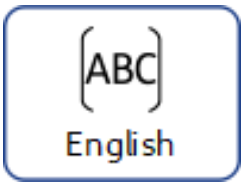
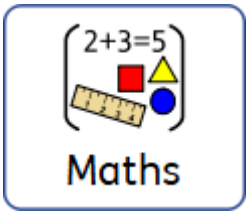
Caterpillar Class Newsletter Autumn Term 2026

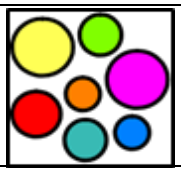
Welcome to Caterpillar Class!

We hope you all had a wonderful summer break. It has been lovely to welcome the children back, smiling and ready to learn. A special welcome to our new starters and their families. We are delighted to have you join Caterpillar Class and have been so pleased to see how well everyone has settled into school life and the class routine. We look forward to a fantastic year ahead together.

	This term, our topic is "Colours, Colours, Everywhere!" We will be exploring a range of exciting stories, including Red Rocket and Rainbow Jelly, Pete the Cat, and many more. The children will continue to develop their mark-making skills through a variety of fun and engaging activities. We will also be using Colourful Semantics to support the children in developing their communication skills and building simple sentence structures through practical, play-based learning experiences.
	In Maths, we will be following the White Rose Maths curriculum to develop the children's understanding of number. We will explore counting, matching and 1:1 correspondence through practical, hands-on activities using resources such as Numicon, Unifix cubes and counting blocks. The children will also be practising number formation and developing confidence in recognising, ordering and using numbers in meaningful contexts.
	Communication is at the heart of everything we do in Caterpillar Class. Throughout the term, we will be supporting the children to develop their communication and interaction skills through a range of personalised approaches, including WellComm, Intensive Interaction, Makaton, and a variety of communication aids such as symbols, and communication books,. Through play, routines, and engaging activities, we will encourage children to communicate their wants, needs, thoughts, and ideas with increasing confidence and independence.
	In Understanding of the World, we will be exploring similarities and differences between ourselves and others while developing an understanding of the people who are important in our lives. The children will learn about their families, friends, and the wider Caterpillar Class community, helping them to develop a sense of identity, belonging, and respect for others.





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Science	We will be exploring materials and their properties through a range of hands-on and sensory activities. The children will investigate and compare everyday materials, learning to describe them using words such as hard, soft, rough, smooth, bendy, and waterproof. They will also sort and group objects, make simple observations, and discover how different materials are used in everyday life. Through these practical experiences, the children will develop their scientific vocabulary and curiosity about the world around them.
PSHE	This term, we will be exploring the Jigsaw topics 'Being Me in My World' and 'Celebrating Difference'. Through a range of engaging activities, the children will develop their understanding of feelings, relationships, and what makes each of us unique. We are also excited to welcome Jigsaw Jenie, who will help us learn about our emotions, build friendships, and celebrate the things that make us special.
Art	In Art, we will be exploring colours through a variety of creative activities, including colour mixing, painting, collaging, and modelling. The children will have opportunities to experiment with different materials and techniques, helping them to develop their creativity, imagination, and fine motor skills while expressing their own ideas.
Music	In Music, we will be following the Charanga Music Curriculum and working alongside Dudley Performing Arts to develop the children's musical skills. Through a range of engaging activities, the children will explore rhythm, beat, singing, listening, and playing instruments, building their confidence and enjoyment of music.
Computing	In Computing, the children will explore a range of technology and learn how it can be used in everyday life. They will develop their skills by operating programmable toys, such as Bee-Bots, and using iPads to access activities on Purple Mash. We will also explore technology found in familiar environments, helping children to recognise how devices such as microwaves, blenders, and other everyday appliances can support us in our daily lives.
RE	In RE, we will be exploring the enquiry questions "What makes people special to me and others?" and "What is Christmas to me and others?" The children will learn about special people in their lives, including family and friends, explore positive role models such as Moses, and discover why Christmas is an important celebration for many people.
PE	In PE, we will be developing our gross motor skills through the Twinkl Move programme. The children will take part in a range of fun and engaging activities designed to improve their balance, coordination, strength, movement, and body awareness while building confidence in their physical abilities.
Life Skills	This term, our focus is 'Keeping Safe and the Right to Choose'. Through a range of age-appropriate activities, the children will learn about making choices, expressing their likes and dislikes, and understanding that their feelings and preferences are important. We will also begin to develop an awareness of personal safety and how to