



Burton Joyce Primary

Summer 1 in Foundation

English

In English, we will be sharing a range of fiction and non-fiction texts linked to our forest topic. The first texts, 'Greta and the Giants' and 'Dear Greenpeace' inspire us to take care of our world. Other texts include: Little Red Riding Hood, The Gruffalo, Trees, Plants and Where the Forest Meets the Sea. The children will write sentences for speech, letters, descriptions and recounts linked to the texts and topic. They learn to "hold a sentence in your head" to remember it then write it.

Geography and History

In this topic the children will learn about some human and physical features of a forest and what a forest is for: wildlife, people and timber. They will use map skills to locate woodlands and forests and identify what lives and grows there.

Welcome Back

Welcome back to school! We hope you enjoyed the Easter break and are ready for the Summer Term (if it ever stops raining!). The children really enjoyed our active well-being day and have settled straight back into school. This half term's topic is, 'Nottinghamshire's Forests' and we've already made a start by spotting trees in our local environment. There are lots of exciting activities planned, including learning about how to help save forests, making Andy Goldsworthy style sculptures and going on mini-beast hunts! We can't wait for our visit to **Sherwood Pines on Tuesday 14th May**.

Reading

The children continue to read words, sentences and stories daily during phonics sessions. **Please continue to support us and your child at home by ensuring they read at least 3 times every week and record this in reading records.**

Science

As part of our forest topic, the children will learn about what lives and grows in the forest. They will identify animals that live in a forest and categorise insects. They will identify other living things, such as a tree, and what they need to grow. As part of learning about timber and materials, children will identify objects made from wood.

Maths

In maths, we will be developing our understanding of numbers to 20 and beyond. Children will make numbers and find missing numbers in a sequence, and also build on their knowledge of addition and subtraction. Continuing work on shape, children will identify, make and rotate shapes.

Computing

In Computing we will start the half term, as always, with eSafety. Children will learn how to store devices such as iPads and Beebots properly. Children will develop their photography skills using iPads and Pic Collage taking and displaying photos linked to our topic.

Art & DT

Our work this half term is inspired by the sculptor Andy Goldsworthy. We will create sculptures using natural materials, considering shape. Children will also use their DT skills to make box-models linked to the forest.



PE

This half term children will develop their fundamental ball skills such as throwing, catching, rolling, bouncing, dribbling and kicking a ball. They will use targets and apply their skills in simple games where they also learn to develop decision making and simple tactics.

Phonics

We will be reviewing Set 2 "special friends" sounds this half term, in order for the children to apply them in reading and writing with greater independence. Some children confident in this knowledge will be starting to learn Set 3 sounds. The children will read and write words including the sounds taught. As part of story time phonics, the children read sentences in short texts or stories, including red words, and write sentences about them. Please use the Sound Chart to support learning.



PSHE

In Foundation learning about PSHE is an integral part of the curriculum and is always ongoing. This half term's focus is learning about healthy 'Relationships.' We will learn more about making friends and helping someone to feel a part of a group. We will look at strategies to solve friendship problems when they occur and how to help ourselves and others when they are hurt and upset.

Welly Wednesday

We have already had a fun first Welly Wednesday session this half term and luckily the weather was bright and dry. Please ensure that your child brings named wellies and a coat or waterproof for the following Welly Wednesdays:

1st May
15th May

Have a great
half term



Music

In music the children will be exploring sea-themed soundscapes, composing new lyrics and creating instrumental sea accompaniments. They will also be responding to music through movements.

RE



This half term is a focus on special places, including places that are special to us. We look at places in our local area including Churches. We learn that a Church is a Christian place of worship and about some of the features and ceremonies.

Dates and Reminders:

- ✓ **Parent's Evening – Tues 23rd & Thurs 25th April (10 min slots to be booked.)**
- ✓ Welly Wednesday - 1st May, 15th May
- ✓ Homework reward deadline – Wednesday 22nd May. Please return or post your child's homework grid on Tapestry by this date.
- ✓ 6th May – Bank Holiday
- ✓ **Sherwood Pines Trip – Wed 14th May.** Please see a separate letter for this and contact us if you can help out on the day (as usual, helpers are allocated on a first come first serve basis.)
With thanks for your support.

