

Characteristics of learning

We will be using our Characteristics of Learning Woodland Friends to encourage children to become more independent with their learning this half term and to apply what they know to what they are trying to do.

School Values

Throughout our learning we will continue to develop our values of:

- Kindness
- Responsibility
- Respect
- Determination
- Honesty
- Courage

Our value for this half term is **RESPECT**

How you can help at home:

Encourage your child to become more independent and try to do things for themselves.

If they come across a problem, ask them what the problem is and how they think they can solve it. Encourage them to come up with their own solution.

Spring 1

This half term we will be learning lots about **Chinese New Year**. This year Chinese New Year is on Saturday 10th Feb. We will be having a Chinese New Year celebration day in class on Friday 9th February for the children. The week beginning 29th January is national storytelling week and we would like to invite parents in to school to share a story with a group of children. More information on this to follow...

Concept Cat will be teaching us about these concepts:



- Shiny
- Rough
- Smooth
- Above
- Below
- Forwards

Look out for the videos and activities on Tapestry!

Maths

This half term we are doing lots of consolidation of our knowledge of numbers up to 5. We are doing lots of activities to help us know how 5 is made up of different amounts. We will be learning about zero.

We will be learning about mass and capacity by finding balances and comparing capacity.

We will also be learning about the numbers 6, 7 and 8 and developing our understanding of these and how they can be made.

Phonics: In our phonics this term we will be learning the last sounds in phase 3. These are: oo, ar, ur, or, ow, oi, ear, air, ure, er. We will learn 2 different pronunciations for some of these. We will also be learning some more Harder to Read and Spell words. Keep an eye out on Tapestry for them and keep practicing at home.

Books we will be focusing on this half term are:



How you can help at home:

- Practice letter formation – children find **a**, **e**, **d**, **g** particularly tricky to form correctly.
- Encourage your child to write for real purposes, e.g. write your shopping list or a card for someone. When they are writing encourage them to listen for sounds they can hear and write them down.