

EYFS Curriculum Overview Summer 2018

Our topic for this term is “Where the wild things are”. We began our topic by reading the story and then mind mapping where the “wild things “ might be. The children decided that real wild things are all around us, in the garden, woods, ponds and beaches so we have split the topic into these areas.

We will be looking at “The Garden”, preparing the growing areas, looking at weeds and seeds and deciding what things we want to nurture and those we want to eradicate. The story of Jack and the Beanstalk will be assisting us as we plant beans, write to the characters in the story, make puppets, paint pictures and use new vocabulary to write descriptions of the giant. We will also be looking at mathematical concepts such as longer and shorter, taller and shorter, estimating and measuring.

The next phase of the “wild things” will take place on the local beach. We will begin by reading the story ‘Billy’s Bucket” and predicting what we might find at the beach. The children will be rock pooling, categorising and exploring their finds and writing postcards from their trip for a display. They will also be exploring capacity, estimating what vessel will hold the most, least and how many cup-fills it might take to fill a particular vessel. The children will also be exploring materials, finding out about sinking and floating and designing and making their own boats to float- hopefully!- on the boating lake.

On our visit to the beach we will be popping in at Duke Street Cafe who have kindly agreed to host 45 excited and sticky children while they experience ordering food and paying for it in preparation for running their own cafe after half term.

After half term we have a number of events which parents are invited to attend, including our Sports Day, annual Cafe day which kicks off the Transition programme for the children in EYFS, and of course the all important “Camp” where the children graduate into KS1.

In amongst all of that, the children will be taking part in the Alverton Mazey Parade. They will be preparing their own costumes based on the original characters from the “Wild Things” book and making accessories that will truly terrify their audience!

The final part of our topic will be exploring the woods and ponds of Tanglewood, a magical wild garden where we hope to find lots of mini-beasts. We will be growing our own frogs, butterflies and (hopefully) ducks while we look at life cycles, make our own mini-beast non fiction books and make homes and gardens for any mini-beasts we hope to entice into our own garden.

All in all, a busy term ...