

The Enchanted Woodland

Our topic is The Enchanted Woodland.

This topic mainly lends itself to Science and Art and Design.

If you go down to the woods today, you are sure of big surprise. Foxes and badgers, voles and mice, beady-eyed owls in the swaying tree tops. Beneath the leaves are tiny footprints ... animal or imp? You decide! Deciduous or evergreen? What can you find? Can you match a leaf to its tree? Can you match a petal to its flower?

Let's build a den, stick by stick and branch by branch. Or we could make a teeny tiny home for a woodland fairy.

Science

Children will learn about trees and plants, by identification and classification. They will be taught about a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. Explanations will be given on the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants including trees.

Numeracy

This term we will be focussing on number bonds. We will be learning to read, write and interpret number sentences and beginning to explore the inverse operation. Money will also be a focus for the term which will include practical problems to give the children a chance to apply their skills and knowledge.

Literacy

Our literacy focus will be writing in different forms. This will include letters, instructions and questions. We will be making woodland crowns and exploring 'bossy' (imperative) verbs. The children will be preparing for a woodland tea party and writing shopping lists and responses to an invitation.

Visits to the library will support the children's love for reading and the story of Owl Babies will be explored and role played using puppets.



Life skills

The children will cook a variety of dishes using herbs that can be found in the wild or grown at home.

Road safety will be taught when out on trips.

Computing

The children will use the web to support them with their learning on this topic. They will also access Education City for activities on habitats and creatures around the world.

Children will explore the Woodland Trust site and learn about emails.

Art/DT

The children will be manipulating clay to make a wacky and wonderful tree boggart!

They will study and hopefully draw inspiration from the artist Andy Goldsworthy. The children will use natural materials to create a range of art work.

In design and technology, the children will be invited to design a habitat for a woodland creature.

Homework ideas for your child this term linked to the topic:

Plant some flowers. Draw and write a flower diary about the changes you see each week. Take a walk with your family in a woods near you and have fun and build a den. Search the web for images and facts about amazing woodlands or forests around the world.

Trips and Visits

We will be visiting Bretton Woods to learn about the woodland creatures and the plants and trees. While in the woodland the children will be challenged to find photos, symbol cards and artefacts relating to our topic, hidden by staff in advance.

We will also hold a magical tea party on Lower School Playground, with a special guest appearance, (The Fairy of Bretton Woods!).

