



Class 2 - Autumn 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome to (or back to) Class 2.

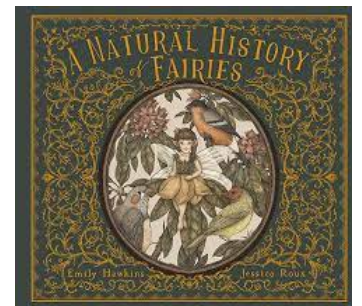
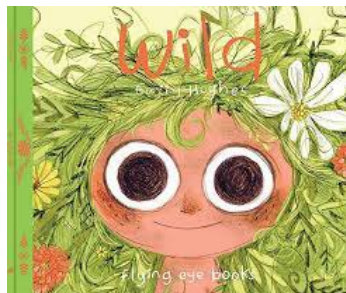
I hope you all had a wonderful summer! I have loved hearing about everyone's adventures over the holidays. I am delighted to inform you that the children have settled back into school routines really well. The children are re-energised and ready to learn - which is fantastic as we have a very busy half term ahead of us.

Our theme for this term is 'Enchanted Woodland'. Our reading area is set up as a woodland to provide a calm space for the children to develop their love of reading and have lots of practical opportunities to write, use construction and develop speech and language.

English

Phonics will continue to be taught every day following the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds scheme. As the children begin to learn new sounds, they will be encouraged to use them to support their independent writing and reading across the curriculum.

I have lots of exciting texts to share with the children that link to our theme and will provide inspiration for writing opportunities (please see images below). Children will develop their vocabulary and have the opportunity to write character and setting descriptions.



Maths

In maths we will be working on number and place value. Children will explore number and develop their recognition of patterns within the number system, learning to represent them in different ways. All of the activities will be practical, challenging and engaging. Maths will often take place outdoors as a way of developing curiosity and a way to experience the world beyond the classroom. The children will develop strategies for problem-solving in a practical way. You can support your child at home by encouraging counting in every-day situations.

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Science

In science the children will learn about plants. They will identify and name a variety of common wild plants found in the UK including deciduous and evergreen trees. We will also observe seasonal changes and spend time visiting the school field looking for signs of autumn.

Computing

Children will begin to use the school's new iPads to access Purple Mash during computing lessons. This half term we will focus on the importance of online safety. The children will be able to identify where to go for help and support if they have concerns about content on the internet or other online technologies.

PE

Our PE days are a Monday and Friday and we will be focusing on gymnastics and developing skills in ball games. On a Friday we will be supported by a skilled coach during gymnastics lessons. Please make sure your child comes to school wearing the correct PE kit and sensible footwear. We ask for long hair to be tied back and all jewellery to be removed. **Having items of school clothing named will be beneficial to all, as important learning time can sometimes be wasted finding out which jumper/ cardigan belongs to which child.** This will hopefully avoid your child coming home without the correct clothing. I will keep a box for any lost property found in Class 2, so please ask if your child loses anything.

Geography

In geography we will locate the 7 continents and 5 oceans of the world using a globe and maps. We will consider what makes the world wonderful and what makes Byers Green wonderful with a focus on local woodland and animal habitats.

Art

Our art focus is flora and fauna. During this topic the children will explore how artists make art inspired by flora and fauna and will practice their cutting and collage skills whilst exploring shape and colour to build images.

Forest School

This year every child in school will have the fantastic opportunity to partake in forest school activities every week! On a Tuesday afternoon, Class 1 and 2 will work collaboratively outdoors to complete activities that will develop play, exploration and supported risk taking. I am so excited to work alongside Nikki during these sessions and know how beneficial they will be to the children. Therefore, please could you make sure your child comes to school in PE kit and wearing appropriate footwear. They will need a waterproof coat.

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Homework

I cannot express how important reading is - it affects everything we do. The more your child practices the better they become - as the terms go on it becomes apparent those who practice reading at home on a regular basis. Your child will be given two home reading books which will be changed every Wednesday after they have read - **please ensure this is in school on time.** During the week, your child will read to an adult 1:1 and then within a small group. Children will also have the opportunity to visit the library and choose a book to bring home to share - this will not necessarily be a book that they can read independently and is intended to be enjoyed together.

Homework will be assigned on a Thursday, which will include spellings, reading and number bond/ counting challenges.

Every Monday, the children will be tested on their weekly spellings, a copy of the spellings will be sent out at the beginning of each term. Please could you support your child in learning their spellings as it aids reading and helps cement the connection that is shared between graphemes (letters) and phonemes (sounds).

It is a pleasure to have the opportunity to teach your children and I look forward to the year ahead!

Should you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Mrs Bradwell

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spelling test PE kit	Forest school – PE kit and suitable footwear and waterproof coat	Reading book due in school	Spellings and reading book sent home	PE kit

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