



Butterfly Class

Autumn 2023 Curriculum Newsletter

As our new term starts, I would like to welcome you to Butterfly Class, introduce the people who will be teaching and caring for your child and explain a little about what we will be covering this term.

Staffing

The staff in Butterfly Class are:

Sophie Pearson – Teacher

Megan Watkins – Higher Level Teaching Assistant

Becki Edwards – Teaching Assistant

Stacey Bucknall – Teaching Assistant

Katie Pilsbury – Teaching Assistant

Molly Gallier – SEN Support Worker

Justine Shepherd – SEN Support Worker

Learning and development

Our curriculum is focused on My Communication, My Thinking, My Wellbeing and My Body. We also work on your child's EHCP targets and any targets set by professionals that work with your child e.g. Speech and Language Therapists, Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists.

Each day is structured so that we have set daily routines, play, adult-led and child-initiated activities.





Focus for this term

Our whole school theme for this term is **Movers and Shakers**, which is a History led theme.

In Early English, we will be learning about traditional stories, instructions and poetry.

In Early Maths, we will be exploring counting, place value, length and height, addition and subtraction and money. We will be using Numicon.

In Early Science, we will be learning about how to keep healthy.

In Early PSHE, we will be identifying and expressing feelings and exploring how to manage strong feelings.

In Discovery, we will be learning about famous nurses.

In Creative, we will be exploring portraits based upon the work of Andy Warhol.

In Early Computing, we will be learning about everyday technology and counting.

In Musical Interaction, we will be exploring sway.

In Physical Development, we will be exploring movement to music.

Our timetable and learning opportunities

Hydrotherapy

On Thursday morning, we will have our hydrotherapy lesson. Please send in a swimming **kit, towel** and **swimming pads** if required.

Physical Development

On **Friday afternoon** we will be using the gym for our Physical Development sessions.

Please send in **shorts, a white t-shirt and black pumps or trainers** (all labelled with your child's name) for this.



Other Specialist Rooms / Areas

As a class, we will also have the opportunity to visit and use the facilities in different areas of our school including the library, computer room, sensory room and soft play room.

Working with school

School Life

Through the School Life virtual diary, we will be uploading daily diary entries about your child. This will reflect the activities we do in school and what has happened regarding personal care and lunch etc. Please use the reply function to leave a comment if you have anything to inform the class about.

If you have any exciting news, we would love to hear from you! Please feel free to email our class email address – Tbutterfly@old-park.dudley.sch.uk

Additional information

Snack time

Please send in healthy snack items for your child such as fruit or yoghurt etc. Water will be provided by the school. Please make sure that any lunch bags or containers are clearly marked with your child's name. Please remember we are a **nut-free school**.

Spare clothes

Please send in a change of clothes and spare shoes for your child in case they are required throughout the day – ensuring that they are clearly named.

We look forward to working with you and seeing your child develop and progress!

Butterfly Class Team