

Butterfly Class

Autumn Curriculum Newsletter



As our new year 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:

Mrs. Elizabeth (Lily) Lee Class Teacher

Mrs. Tracy Cadman Higher Level Teaching Assistant

Mrs. Emma Smith Teaching Assistant

Miss Gemma Smith Teaching Assistant

Miss Teri Copini Teaching Assistant

Miss Rebecca Hodson Teaching Assistant

Mrs. Sophie Jones Teaching assistant

Miss Effie Delle Donne Teaching Assistant

Mrs. Rebecca Bench SEN Support Worker

Learning and development

The learning and development in Butterfly Class is delivered through our 'Learning to Play' curriculum involving sessions focused on My Communication, My Thinking, My Wellbeing and My Body.

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

We also have access to the outdoor learning environment where there are opportunities for independent exploration as well as focused tasks.

Focus for this term

Our whole school theme for this term is Time Travellers. We will be focusing on the Great Fire of London, as well as the Gun Powder Plot as events in history. Our Creative learning will allow the children to work on structures, creating pictures using a range of different mediums

In Early English we will share a range of traditional stories/fairy tales, follow instructions related to our everyday routines and action rhymes and songs.

Our Phonics Awareness sessions we will be exploring SATPIN sounds, as well as focusing on developing Letters and Sounds Phase 1 skills.

In Early Maths we will explore place value, number recognition, adding and taking away. We will also learn about length, height and money.

We will learn about 'Animals, Plants and the Environment' in Early Science, exploring different habitats such as jungle, sea and polar.

Our timetable and learning opportunities

PE

On Monday we will be using the gym for our PE sessions.

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

Forest school

Butterfly Class will be accessing the forest school area for outdoor learning Thursday.

Please send in appropriate *outdoor clothing*, for example wellies, waterproofs, spare trousers and t-shirt, hats, gloves, sun hats etc. Again, everything needs to be labelled please. Please only send in clothes that you are happy to get muddy during our sessions.

Soft Play

Some of the children will be accessing the Soft Play room on a daily basis to complete their physical programmes and sensory diets. The whole class will have access to the Soft Play room on a Tuesday and Friday.

Music Man

Del the Music Man will be coming into Butterfly Class on a Wednesday morning.

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 the group room.

<h3>Working with school</h3>

Home-school sheets

The home-school sheets sent home daily are the main source of communication between home and school. On these we write daily about the activities we do in school, any major achievements, how your child has been throughout the day, what has happened regarding personal care and lunch etc. Please return the bottom of the daily slip if you have anything to inform 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

<h3>Additional information</h3>

Snack time

Please send in healthy snack items for your child such as fruit or yoghurt etc. Milk and water will be provided by the school. Please make sure that any lunch bags or containers are clearly marked with your child's name.

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. Even with our small class size, it is very difficult to identify which clothes or items belong to which child!

Key Workers

Each child will be allocated a member of the class team as keyworker to your child. This person will be the go-to person in the first instances if there is anything you wish to discuss. This will also be the person that will phone you (barring them being off with sickness etc.) if there is any information we need to share with yourselves.

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

Mrs. Elizabeth (Lily) Lee.