

## **Autumn 2024 Curriculum Newsletter**

### **Butterfly Class**



As our new School 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 learning this term.

#### **Staffing**

The staff in Butterfly Class this academic year are:-

Mrs Sophie Jones – Teacher  
Mrs Laurie Wright – Teaching Assistant  
Mrs Jane Hall – Teaching Assistant  
Mrs Charlotte Fisher -Teaching Assistant  
Mrs Katie Long -Teaching Assistant  
Mrs Sumera Bibi - SEN Support Worker  
Miss Rainbow Thompson - SEN Support Worker  
Mrs Ellie Lewis - SEN Support Worker

#### **Learning and development**

The learning and development in Butterfly class is all planned to meet the pupils needs and help them reach their full potential. We use The Engagement model, when completing our observations which you can see on the Evidence for Learning App. The Engagement model has 5 areas these are: Exploration, Realisation, Anticipation, Persistence and Initiation. We use these areas to write our observations, to plan pupils next steps and to focus on their achievements in any task or activity no matter how small. We learn through topics creating a range of experiences and activities that aim to engage and motivate our pupils. We also focus on pupils' targets from their EHCP weekly. Our children learn through multisensory experiences. We also incorporate their Personal and Physical needs into their learning including their sensory needs.

<b>Focus for this term</b>
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Our whole school theme for this term is **“Time Travellers”**

**(NC KS1 Events beyond living memory that are significant nationally or global)** For Pupils in Butterfly class we will focus on “The great fire of London” and “The Gun powder plot”)

In Multisensory/Early English we will be Working with the Traditional Tale “The Little Red hen” and “The Enormous Turnip”. We will be focusing on our responses to stimuli, cause and effect and Multisensory experiences. In our Phonics Awareness lessons, we focus on listening and attention skills from the little wandles phonics program. Communication is embedded through out all our learning in class.

In Multisensory/Early Mathematics we will be exploring numbers with numicon in a variety of multisensory learning experiences including number songs and rhymes. We explore other Mathematical concepts through play-based learning.

We will be learning about Plants in Multisensory/Early Science learning about how to plant seeds and help things grow.

In Multisensory PSHE sessions we will be exploring a range of activities and experiences about emotions. In our Creative sessions we will be trying some Multisensory Art experiences inspired by our topic and seasonal events.

We have PE in the hall exploring team games this term as well as soft play for a gross motor focus also fine motor activities within class every week.

Your child will also have the opportunity to participate in a range of play and adult-led activities linked to our theme such as imaginative play, water/sand play, stories, puppets, role-play with dolls, animal and number songs and rhymes, sensory mark making, play dough, inset puzzles and jigsaws, sorting, counting, creative activities, cooking, computer activities, using the interactive whiteboard, iPad, Magic Carpet and outdoor play.

## Our timetable and learning opportunities

### Hydrotherapy

We have the Hydrotherapy in the school pool every **Wednesday** please send kits in including a towel and specialist swim wear or swim Pads.

### Physical Development

We have our PE focus lesson in the hall is on a **Tuesday** and a further physical development lesson in class on a **Wednesday** when we also have soft play.

### Other Specialist Rooms / Areas

As a class, we may also have the opportunity to visit and use the facilities in different areas of our school including the library, Magic Carpet, music room, cookery room, computer room and sensory room.

## Working with school

### School life

Everyday we will let you know what we have been doing in class via the school life app, you can message the class team through the app or email myself using the class email. [Tbutterfly@old-park.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:Tbutterfly@old-park.dudley.sch.uk).

We look forward to sharing all of our news with you. If you have any news from home or information you need to share we would love to hear from you!

### Evidence for Learning (EFL)

This is where we record our pupils learning and achievements through photos, videos, and observations. We will send at least one observation home a week with a photo or video.

### Family Learning Sessions

Throughout the year we host lots of family learning sessions in class, please come and join us, get to know the people who are working with your child and see how your child learns at school and it is also a great chance to meet other families too.

## **Additional information**

### Spare clothes

Please send in a change of clothes for your child in case they are required throughout the day. This does not have to be uniform but please include tops, trousers/skirts, underwear, and socks as we often need a change of clothes due to water/messy play (we will have more water play during the warmer months). Please label everything clearly. Even with our small class size, it is very difficult to identify which clothes or items belong to which pupil.

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

Sophie Jones



## Weekly routine

**Please keep this page handy so that you know what items need to be sent in on specific days.**

<b>Every day</b>		Healthy snack and drinks bottle (if appropriate)  Coat  Packed lunch if not having school dinners
<b>To keep in school</b>		Pads/underwear where needed  Spare clothes  Medication where required  Sun cream
<b>Every Wednesday morning</b>	Hydrotherapy	Swimming costume/Trunks and a swimming pad/nappy or ideally reusable incontinent swimwear.  Towel