

The Wind in the Willows



January 2024

This term we will be sharing the story of *The Wind in the Willows* written by Kenneth Grahame. The themes will be incorporated throughout our curriculum.

As readers and writers we will be sharing, listening to and watching the story, exploring the characters and adventures. We will be role-playing, story writing and making information posters, learning about writing exciting sentences for different purposes.

As scientists we will be exploring growth and change, of both plants and animals. We hope to watch the lifecycles of frogs by having an aquarium in the classroom. We will be growing flowers, measuring their growth and we will cultivate some vegetables to eat. The sessions will also involve understanding what plants need in order to grow healthily as well as using scientific language for the parts of plants. We hope to go on a whole school trip to try pond dipping, and maybe finding Mr Toad's house!

As mathematicians we will cover addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, problem solving, weighing and measuring and telling the time, including the days of the week and the months of the year.

As musicians we shall be exploring pitch, rhythm and pulse, using nature to inspire us. We will also learn animal songs which are related to our topic and with counting themes to help our maths.

As artists and designers we will be finding out how to make moving parts for pictures and books, exploring levers and tabs. We will also be designing and making a car for Toad of Toad Hall, finding out how to make and attach working wheels.

Our R.E. topic will ask What might Jewish people learn from the story of Moses? We will explore what it means to belong to the Jewish community, exploring the story of Moses, Shabbat and where Jewish people pray.

Forest School outdoor learning will still be on a Monday. We will be developing a vegetable garden, planting seeds which we hope to cook and eat at the end of term.

We will investigate animal's habitats and have a go at making our own dens and secret places! Please ensure that your child has wellies and warm clothes in school.

Mrs Ferrier will be teaching P.E. on a Tuesday morning. She will be concentrating on outdoor sports and ball skills, incorporating tag rugby.

In RSE we will explore relationships, understanding the importance of listening to others and playing cooperatively. We will also think about beliefs, identifying and respecting differences and similarities.

This will be an exciting and investigative topic with lots of outdoor learning and exploration. We hope to end our topic with a Wind in the Willows picnic, which we hope you will join us for.

Sharing books at home about the riverside, lifecycles of river animals and the stages of plant development would support your child's learning. You could think about:

What does frogspawn turn into?

Why does a seed grow?

Where do voles live and what do they eat?

Our core Christian values will be **Trust** and **Perseverance**. We will think about these in collective worship and through our learning.

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