



Monkton CEP School
Bees, Class 1 Newsletter
'Every child is special'



**Personal, Social and Emotional
Development**

- Playing turn taking games and following rules of a game.
- Continue to discuss feelings and emotions and learn how to get along with one another, share and negotiate to resolve falling out.

Physical Development

- Active games involving moving and acting like animals.
- 'Squirrel' obstacle courses.
- Autumn stories to act out.
- Funky Fingers - developing fine motor skills to assist pencil grip and writing

Communication and Language

- We will be focussing on listening to others in group situation and trying to think of questions to ask each other
- We will be learning animal names, discussing and comparing features and sharing our knowledge with the class. We will be encouraged to speak in sentences when re-telling events.

Mathematics

- We are continuing to recognise numbers, count and add.
- We are learning about shape, space and measures, including, 2d and 3d shape, capacity and length.
- We will also discuss the weather, days of the weeks, months of the years and look at money daily.

Phonics

We are continuing to use our phonic knowledge to sound out and blend letters into words.

Literacy

- We are continuing to learn tricky words for reading and spelling.
- Literacy sessions are linked to our topic on learning about autumn, wild animals and hibernation.

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New Testament Stories - Nativity.

We will be learning all about the Nativity and why Christmas is so special to Christians. We will look at the story and who the main people were. We will also discuss what our own families do at this special time of year.

Other Specific Areas

Understanding the World - In our topic, 'Why do squirrels hide their nuts?' we have a vet surgery role play area. We will be building animal homes and dens both inside and outside. We will be making a special wild animal restaurant, making muffins for squirrels and creating hanging bird feeders. We will learn more about woodland animals and the wild animals in our environment and describe their features and compare them to our pets.

Expressive Arts and Design

- We will have fun sketching and creating woodland creatures.
- We will get creative with objects such as feathers, twigs and cones found in the environment to create pictures. (If anybody has natural objects from home they could bring in for us to use in our art sessions, this would be greatly appreciated)

ICT - This will include taking pictures, recording our songs and playing them back. Using PC to follow simple paint programmes.

Websites

- Games to aid Letters and Sounds, using the pure sound.
<http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/phase-2.html>
- Counting forwards and backwards through song:
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/schoolradio/subjects/mathematics/countingsongs>
- A variety of mathematic games:
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=37>

Diary Dates

Monday 16th November- Anti bullying week - Odd Sock Day.

Thursday 3rd December- Flu vaccinations

Friday 18th December- The Christmas Panto will be visiting us and we will have our class party. School will finish from 2pm timings to follow. Last day of term.

Monday 4th January- Term 3 begins.

We have had a great first term with Bee Class and they are working so hard as well as having lots of fun. We are really looking forward to this term and the children are already loving their topic about squirrels and we have lots of exciting things planned towards Christmas for them. Thank you for all your support in these unusual times.

Mrs Bax, Mrs Pritchard and Mrs O'Neill 😊