



# Welcome to Cygnet class

## Our theme this half term is **Up in the Air**

In this topic we will complete learning based on fireworks, space and will investigate how things work and what makes them move. We have introduced drawing club into Cygnets where they will draw characters and create adventures to talk about. We will also enjoy two weeks based on Christmas at the end of the half term.

Maths	Subitise to 5 (recognise quantities without counting).  Counting, recognising and sorting numbers 1-5 . Finding one more and one less within 5. Understanding the composition of numbers up to 5. Identifying shapes with 4 sides.
English	Phonics—we will learn four phonemes or digraphs a week following the Jolly Phonics scheme. Cygnets will begin to learn how to spot phonemes and digraphs in words and talk about books. They will play phonics games. They will practise writing their names and precursive letters. We will continue to recognise initial sounds and begin to sound out and write CVC words.
Understanding the World	Explore the natural world around us, observe the changes in the forest during autumn and go on an autumn hunt.  Religious Education —Learning will be focused on ‘Why do Christians perform nativity plays at Christmas?’
Expressive Arts and Design	Explore a variety of tools, materials and techniques as we create art based on the stories we learn. Share creations and explain the process. Move in time to music in dance and participate in a music.
Physical Development	Regular mark making and handwriting practise following the Letterjoin precursive letter scheme.  PE lessons and strength, balance and coordination practise in outside learning area.
French	Introduce a basic understanding of French including greetings, numbers and colours.
PSHE/No outsiders	Manage their own hygiene and personal needs, including dressing and going to the toilet.  Work and play cooperatively with others.  Be confident to try new activities and show independence.  We are learning that we all like different things but we can all be friends.

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Please remember to label all your child’s clothing with their name.
- Ensure your child’s PK kit is in school and is weather appropriate for lessons outside.
- Please do not send your child into school wearing jewellery. Small stud earrings can be worn but must be removed for PE.
- Don’t forget to send your child into school with a water bottle, book bag and waterproof coat.

### USEFUL APPS

- White Rose maths (free)
- Numberblocks (some free)
- Jolly phonics (£9.99)

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- PE will be on a Wednesday and Thursday.
- Library books are changed on a Thursday.
- Forest school dates—Monday 10.11.25, Monday 17.11.25 and Monday 24.11.25
- Parent consultations, week of 24.11.25
- Look and share 2/3.12.25
- Mercury Theatre trip 9.12.25
- Non-uniform day 12.12.25
- Christmas jumper day 11.12.25
- Christmas fayre 18.12.25
- Nativity 9:30 on 16.12.25
- Last day of half term 19.12.25

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