



Welcome to Cygnet class

Our theme this half term is **ourselves**

In this topic we will explore the five senses of touch, sight, hearing, smell, and taste. The Cygnets will learn about how to stay healthy including making healthy food choices, the importance of exercise and cleaning our teeth. We will also enjoy a week based on Halloween at the end of the half term.

What will be learned

Maths	Match, sort & compare objects. Talk about and explore measures and patterns including recognising and continuing patterns. Subitise to 5 (recognise quantities without counting). Counting objects to 10 accurately.
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 in words and talk about books. They will play phonics games. They will practise writing their names and precursive letters. We will focus on recognising and writing the initial sounds of words.
Understanding the World	Explore the natural world around us, making observations in the forest and drawing pictures of plants. Learning about autumn in the forest. Religious Education — Learning will be focused on ‘Why is the word ‘God’ so important to Christians?’
Expressive Arts and Design	Explore a variety of tools, materials and techniques as we sketch flowers, make texture clay blocks and make magic binoculars. Move in time to music in dance and participate in a music workshop. Take on roles in the baby clinic role play area and retell stories such as ‘Peace and last’.
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 are all different 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, already applied suncream (if needed) and a hat or coat according to the weather

USEFUL APPS

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

- PE will be on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
- Reading books are changed on a Monday and Thursday. Library books are changes on a Thursday.
- Phonics meeting Thursday 12/09/24
9:15-9:45 or 2:45-3:15
- Forest school dates—Monday 7/10, 14/10 and 21/10
- Last day of half term—Thursday 24/10

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