

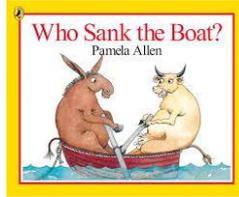


Woodland Department Newsletter

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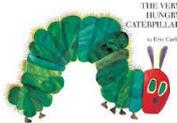
Our department topic for the summer term is **'WATER'**.



Meadow Class

Our sensory story this term is 'Who Sank the Boat' by Pamela Allen which links in with the 'Water' topic. We imagine it might get a bit wet when the boat sinks! We hope to use our outside area for lots of water play, exploring the different ways we can change water, whether it's the temperature or colour or smell. In our ComMUSICation sessions we will be enjoying some new songs including a pirate version of 'Row, Row, Row the Boat'. ('Row, row, row the boat, Across the reservoir, If you see a pirate, Stop and say ooo-arrr!')

Kara



Bluebell Class

Bluebell Class would like to welcome our new friend Harry who will join us in our 'Water' adventures. This term we will explore water through a variety of experiments including melting ice, sinking and floating fishing games, mixing water with other liquids and making things wet. We will look at water as a source of life, important to grow foods, and we will explore food linked to the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' in the first half term and 'Harry's Vegetables' in the second half term. We will also be learning about planting seeds and about how plants grow during our 'Knowledge and Understanding of the World' sessions. In ComMUSICation we will imagine we are on a pirate ship and dive under the water to see what we can find. In our 'Flavours' lessons we will taste sweet flavours and use symbols to communicate if it's 'yucky' or 'yummy'.

Agnieszka



Orchard

In our ComMUSICation and Sensory Story sessions using the resonance boards we will be continuing to include some of our Australia themed resources from last term that encouraged some particularly excellent responses from the pupils i.e. the didgeridoo and kookaburras, so we will be going on a 'journey' around Australia and ending up at the 'Great Barrier Reef' to link in with the 'water' topic! Resources will include shells, natural sponges, glow in the dark jellyfish, water sprays and whoopee cushion puffer fish! We have planned a new story massage to accompany the music from the 'Moana' film. Please let us know if you'd like a copy of this story massage. Art activities will be 'water' themed and will include making marks with paint on bubble wrap and foil, and exploring coloured ice-cubes on fabric.



Amanda and Hannah

Forest Class



Forest class are looking forward to exploring water using our senses. In messy play sessions we are going to be explore different bubbles and create an underwater picture linked with our story 'The Deep Blue Sea'. During ComMUSICation lessons we are going to explore the sea using different pieces of music and resources. We are looking forward to exploring the underwater parachute, rainmakers and puffer fish.

We are hoping to use our voices to sing like the mermaids! We are going to help to make a sensory flower bed and we must remember to water the flowers and not ourselves!



Jane



The Den Class

Our sensory story sessions will be based on the book 'Dougal's Deep Sea Diary' by Simon Bartram. Our Art lessons will include a story massage poem called 'All the Water in the World' by George Ella Lyon and Katherine Tilloston, and will include water cycle and deep sea themed art. During Food Technology sessions we will be focussing on using summer fruits and making smoothies. We will be asking for some donations of fruit from home to support these sessions please. Gardening activities will include planting seeds and bulbs, and watering flowers. We are looking forward to going out and about in the local community.



Audrey

'Music and Mayhem'

You will be invited to join us in school for 'Music and Mayhem' on Wednesday 23rd May delivered by Emma, the Music Therapist and Caroline, the Speech and Language Therapist. This event will take place in the morning. Further information to follow.



Feel Theatre Company

Please refer to the letter about this event taking place on 6th and 7th June. Due to the numbers allowed, this is not an event that we can invite parents to.



'Water' themed 'Wow' Events

During the last 3 weeks of term we are planning some 'Water' themed events in the sensory room, swimming pool and also outside. Further information to follow.

Hats and Sun Cream

We hope to go outside often this term and advise that you send your child to school with a sunhat and sun cream. Please let us know if you do not want us to apply sun cream.



If you have questions about any of the things in this letter, please talk to your child's class teacher.

Best wishes,

Amanda Brown

(Woodland Department Leader)

