

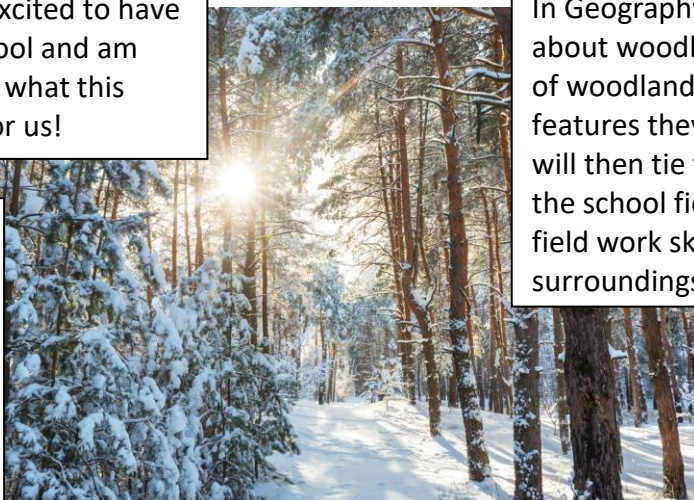
Darwin Class Newsletter

Autumn 1 - 2024

I hope you all had a great summer. I am so excited to have you all back at school and am looking forward to what this year has in store for us!

Topic - Science

Our Science will be across the whole of the Autumn term. We will be focusing on how animals survive. This will start as the children identify and classify animals into different groups dependent upon their characteristics, as well as identify what animals need in order to survive.



Topic – Geography – Woodlands

In Geography, the children are learning all about woodlands. They will look at features of woodlands and what physical or human features they may see in a woodland. We will then tie this in with a welly walk up to the school field where they will use simple field work skills to investigate their surroundings.

Design Technology

The children will talk about different types of food, which will help them to recognise why we need to have a healthy diet as well as exercise. They will then use tools safely and hygienically to create a sandwich.



Maths

In Maths, the children will be starting by ensuring we have a very secure place value understanding of numbers up to 20, knowing 1 more and 1 less as well as comparing these numbers and writing them in words. Then we will move on to addition and subtraction. Within this the children will be looking at part whole models and doing work around their number bonds to 10 and 20. We will then end this half term by looking at fact families and then finally some missing number problems.

French

Our French learning this half term will start looking at celebrations and how these could differ between France and English. We will also be learning traditional songs in French and performing actions with these.

Computing

We are becoming 'photographers'. The children will look at how they can manipulate pictures that they have taken as well as recognise common uses of information technology beyond school.

PE and Games

Games will be on a Wednesday morning with Mr Holmes our sports coach and PE will be dance on a Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school all week as sometimes there may be a timetabling change or we may have the opportunity to have an extra session. Tracksuit bottoms may be worn outside during the colder weather. Please remind your child to take their kit home at the weekend to be washed. Long hair needs to be tied back and no jewellery (including earrings unless covered) is allowed to be worn during PE and Games sessions.

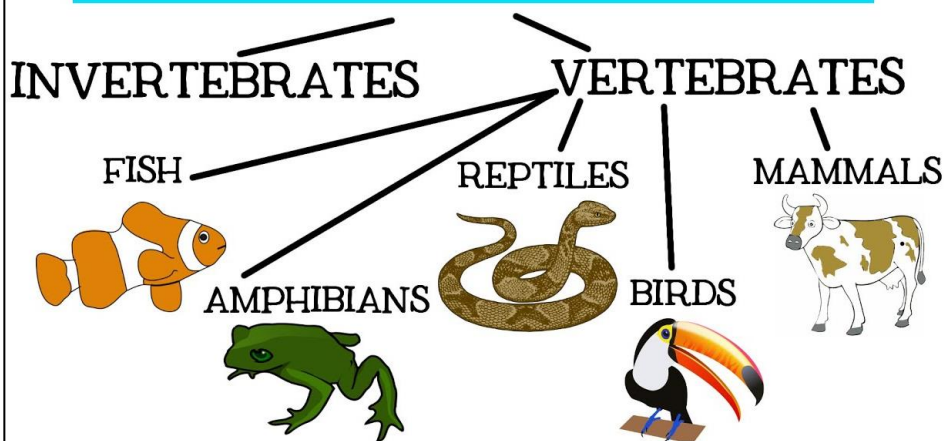
Music

We have Hampshire Music Service in this term to teach us the recorder. The children will be learning some of the different notes and how to put these together to make a tune.

Home Learning

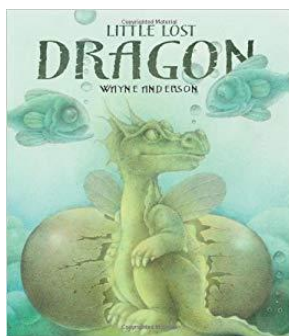
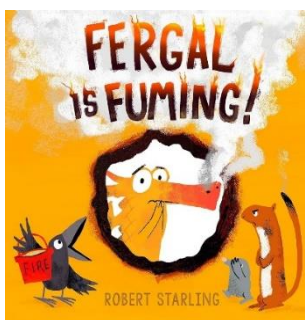
Home learning tasks will be set on a Wednesday (starting on the second week back) and should be handed in by the following Monday. Reading to your child as well as listening to them read is important to help your child progress, no matter how confident they are. We expect children to be reading at home at least 3 days a week. Please fill in their reading journals so they can be rewarded for reading at home.

ANIMAL CLASSIFICATION



PDL / Circle Time

We will be looking at how we are similar and how we are different. The children will be looking at their likes and dislikes and what makes each of them unique.



English

Our English learning will start by looking at the book 'Fergal is Fuming' by Robert Starling. The children will explore this text in detail, putting themselves into the role of Fergal. Then they will use their knowledge of what helped Fergal when he was angry, to write a set of instructions for another character.

Then the children will look at the text 'Little Lost Dragon' by Wayne Anderson. Here they will explore what happened to the dragon, making predictions along the way. Their final piece of work will be writing captions about a character and exploring elements of poetry.