



Brougham  
Primary School

# Early Years Newsletter

## Autumn 2

### Reception



#### **This term our theme within the Early Years is The Deep, Dark Wood In Reception our topic is What happens in a woodland after dark?**

The intent within this topic is to explore what happens in the woodlands after dark. We will achieve this through investigating our own garden at night by observing camera traps and encouraging nocturnal wildlife to visit our gardens. Through stories and nonfiction texts, we will learn about simple food chains, hibernation, nocturnal animals and how they hunt in the dark. We will embark upon a visit to a local woodland, where we will use our senses to explore and collect natural materials with different properties expanding the vocabulary of nature.

#### **Ideas to support your child's learning through this topic:**

##### **Communication and Language**

- Talk to your child about what they have done at school each day
- Visit Summerhill Country Park, parks, woodlands etc and talk about what you see and experience

##### **Physical Development**

- Woodland Magic Yoga for Kids <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0se88vDwIAE>
- Go on a walk to find leaves and trees and make leaf and bark rubbings

##### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

- Talk about how to be a good friend
- Practise zipping and buttoning own coat and putting on own hat, scarf and gloves to develop independence

##### **Literacy**

- Encourage your child to practise writing their name and learn their speed sounds
- Read lots of stories about woodland animals with your child e.g. The Gruffalo, Percy the Park Keeper

##### **Maths**

- Find autumnal and natural objects when out walking and count how many of each object you find
- Make circles, squares and triangles with conkers, sticks, pinecones and leaves you have found on your walks

##### **Understanding the World**

- Talk about day and night and what you do in the day and what you do at night
- Explore outside and how things change in Autumn

##### **Expressive Arts and Design**

- Create stories about animals living in the woods at night – foxes, owls, bats, hedgehogs
- Create pictures of the night sky with a moon and stars

If you would like to know more about our planned learning and experiences, please visit our website - [www.brougham-school.org.uk](http://www.brougham-school.org.uk), Twitter - @BroughamPrimary, Facebook – Brougham Primary School and Marvellous Me

#### **Reminders and Special Events**

Book Bags – every Friday. Please read with your child at least 3 times a week and record this in your child's reading record so they can win a Golden Ticket.

Practise speed sounds daily with your new speed sounds cards.

#### **Important Dates**

Term Dates – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

PD Day – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Class trip to Hardwick Park – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November

Visit from Kirkleatham Owl Sanctuary – more information to follow

And lots of Christmas excitement to look forward to in December

## School Uniform

Please ensure that your child wears full school uniform each day for school.

Our School uniform consists of:

- Grey trousers or skirt;
- White polo shirt;
- Red school jumper/cardigan;
- Black shoes

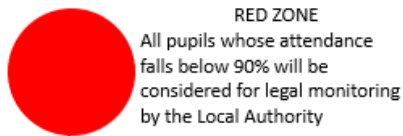


We expect all pupils to wear black shoes for school. Please ensure your child does not wear white or brightly coloured trainers to school as this is not permitted.

Please ensure all your child's clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name. If you wish to purchase embroidered clothing with the school's logo on, please visit: Logo2go located at 13 Tower Street, Hartlepool, TS24 7HH.

## Attendance and Punctuality

### **TRAFFIC LIGHT ZONE**



#### RED ZONE

All pupils whose attendance falls below 90% will be considered for legal monitoring by the Local Authority



#### AMBER ZONE

Those pupils who have fallen between 91%-96% are in the Amber Zone. Those in this zone are automatically monitored by school.



#### GREEN ZONE

All pupils whose attendance is 97% and above are part of the green zone. As Green a pupil you are more likely to achieve.

**STUDENTS WITH RED AND AMBER ATTENDANCE ARE FAR MORE LIKELY TO UNDERACHIEVE...**

**Pupils Late for school:** Pupils who are late for school are missing the important start of their lesson and their entry into the classrooms late, is also causing disruption to other pupils in their class. Please make sure your child is in school on time each day. Your child must be in school for 8.45am.

**Contact Numbers:** We must have at least 2 working contact numbers for your child at all times. This is a matter of safeguarding and we must always be able to contact parents during the school day. **If your phone number has changed you must update it at the school office.**

**PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD IS IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY AND ON TIME.**

