



Brougham
Primary School

Early Years Newsletter

Autumn 2

Preschool



This term our theme within the Early Years is The Deep Dark Wood In Preschool our topic is What is a Woodland?

Through this topic we will discover what makes a woodland by exploring natural materials and finding out about what animals and birds live in a woodland. We will learn the names of the animals and birds as well as the names of different trees, exploring what their leaves and seeds look like.

As the topic progresses, we will discover what a woodland looks like at night and investigate nocturnal animals.

As the weather turns, we will explore the changes in season moving into Winter.

Towards the end of the topic, we will explore Christmas and how different families celebrate in different ways.

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

Communication and Language

- Go on a listening hunt for different bird songs
- Talk about the different natural materials you can see on a woodland or park walk including leaves, trees...

Physical Development

- Go on bird hunts in your local park or woodland. How many birds can you see?
- Move like different woodland creatures; curl up like a hedgehog, rustle through leaves like a badger...

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Find out how you can help birds visit your garden through the RSPB link [Information on How to Help Birds - The RSPB](#)

Literacy

- Visit the library and look at fiction and non-fiction books about nature such as wildlife, plants, trees...
- Encourage your child to draw what they find on a woodland walk

Maths

- Count how many different leaves you can find
- Sort the leaves by size, colour or shape

Understanding the World

- Talk about what you can see on your walks in the park, complete leaf rubbings or bark rubbings to collect
- Go for a walk in the park and look for evidence of the season changing.

Expressive Arts and Design

- Create nests using different natural materials from the park
- Draw or paint pictures of birds, trees or animals that interests your child

Please follow Brougham Primary School on Instagram, Facebook and X (Twitter) to find out what the children have been getting up to.

Reminders and Special Events

Class Dojo: Please ensure that you are signed up to Class Dojo to receive regular school and class updates

Please ensure that your child is dressed for the colder weather as we play outside in all weathers – a thick waterproof coat, hats and wellies are all great options.

Important Dates

Term Dates – Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December

PD Day – Friday 5th December & Monday 7th December

Visit from Kirkleatham Owl Sanctuary – Tuesday 1st December

More information on Christmas Activities to come! We can't wait!

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



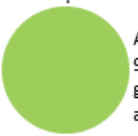
RED ZONE

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

