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Welcome back!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Autumn 2, I hope you have had a lovely half term!

This half term our topic is The Enchanted Woodland. We will be looking at lots of types of trees and flowers, different woodlands and having lots of fun outdoors! We have our new role play area and lots of new challenges to complete. I have attached our welcome letter with more information about our new topic. Our topic engagement this half term will be with Adam Bushnell, taking part in some fun activities all linking to our new topics.

Just a reminder of important diary dates:

- Homework and spellings – these will be given out on a Monday. We expect these back in school for a Friday morning.
- Reading - We will be continuing to send out reading books that link to the phonics/reading level your child is working at in school and these will be changed on a Friday. It is important that the children are reading at home, as well as twice a week in school. Could you please read with your child at home, once a week, and record this in their planners, so that we can fill our reading display and earn some nice treats throughout the year! Could you please also continue to complete any phonics sounds that are being sent home, to prepare your child for the next group.
- PE kits – Please send in a PE kit on a Monday morning and leave it at school throughout the week, we will return this home on a Friday. Our PE days this half term are Tuesday and Wednesday, however, we often have events in school that require PE kits, so it is important to still ensure children have their kits every day.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

Many Thanks
Miss Grimes.

The Enchanted Woodland



If you go down to the woods today, you're sure of a big surprise!

This half term, we'll visit a woodland, observe the wildlife, collect natural objects and take beautiful pictures of the things we see. After our woodland adventure, we'll write about our experiences and learn all about trees. We'll use information books to investigate woodland creatures and make mini-books of our own. Throughout the project, we will find out how to recognise different plants and animals and create detailed, observational drawings of them. The tale of Hansel and Gretel will inspire us to write our own stories with a woodland theme. We'll build miniature dens, create woodland works of art and construct mini-woodlands from twigs, sticks, pine cones and leaves.

At the end of our project, we'll have so much to share with you. We'll read our stories aloud, create a woodland art gallery, plant seedlings in the school grounds and present a special, woodland-themed assembly.

ILP focus	Science
English	Recounts, information books, letters, lists, instructions, stories
Science	Plants and animals, identifying and classifying plants, animals
Art & design	Working with natural materials, drawing, painting
Computing	Sending an email
D&T	Building structures, making party food
Geography	Making maps
Mathematics	Measuring length and height, using money
PE	Team games
PSHE	Feeling positive, looking after the environment

Help your child prepare for their project

Woodlands are interesting places. Why not take a woodland walk and see which plants and creatures you can find? Simple spotting books or apps will help you to identify unknown species. Alternatively, visit the local library and borrow information and storybooks about woodland creatures to read together. You could also collect twigs, leaves, seed cases and flowers to make natural art together outside. Remember to take photos before the wind blows your artwork away!