

# The Wind in the Willows



This term we will be sharing the story of *The Wind in the Willows*. The themes will be incorporated throughout our curriculum.

In literacy we will be reading, listening to and watching the story, exploring the characters and adventures. We will be role-playing, story writing and making information posters, learning about writing exciting sentences with capital letters, full stops, exclamation marks and commas..

In our science sessions we will be exploring growth and change, of both plants and animals. We hope to watch the lifecycles of frogs by having an aquarium in the classroom. We will be growing flowers, measuring their growth and we will cultivate some vegetables to eat. The sessions will also involve understanding what plants need in order to grow healthily as well as using scientific language for the parts of plants. We will be going on a whole school trip to try pond dipping too!

In maths we will be following the National Curriculum. We will cover addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, problems solving, weighing and measuring and telling the time, including the days of the week and the months of the year. The areas will be related to our *Wind in the Willows* topic where we can! For example, when our plants start to grow we will learn how to accurately measure in cm and mm..

In our music lessons we will be exploring pitch, rhythm and pulse. We will also learn animal songs which are related to our topic and with counting themes to help our maths.

In art we will be finding out how to make moving parts for pictures and books, exploring levers and tabs. We will also be designing and making a car for Toad of Toad Hall, finding out how to make and attach working wheels.

Our R.E. topic will ask how and why some people pray and what happens in a place of worship", concentrating on Christianity and Judaism. Later in the term we will visit Neatishead church and find out how the church is used for prayer and reflection.. We will explore how Christians use the Bible to lead their lives according to God and how we say prayers to thank God.

Outdoor Learning will still be on a Thursday. We will be developing our vegetable garden, planting seeds which we hope to cook and eat at the end of term. We will investigate animal's habitats and have a go at making our own dens and secret places! Please ensure that your child has wellies and warm clothes in school.

Mr Ward will be teaching P.E. on a Tuesday afternoon. He will be concentrating on athletics and outdoor sports.

This will be an exciting and investigative topic with lots of outdoor learning and exploration.. Please do come in and see what we are learning!

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