

## English

In English this half term we will be working in smaller groups appropriate to our stage of need. This may mean that your child is taught in a group with children that they are not yet familiar with, however it will mean that the focus will be more suited to the ability of each child.

We will begin with a project around the book 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers.

# The Forest Autumn Term Newsletter

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Please remember to read **EVERY NIGHT**. Parents, carers, older siblings and pupils can sign reading record entries – these will be checked daily.

## The Forest

We have some exciting developments within the SSC since our move to our new area. The two Specialist Classes will together form The Forest and all members of staff will be working closely together to ensure that children will have the best provision possible.

For our Year Six Pupils: SATs and our Robinwood Residential trip; information will be shared with parents in the upcoming months – please look out for the relevant letters.

## Maths

In Maths we will also be working in smaller focus groups around a theme, but with each group working on the objectives appropriate to them based on assessments made by the teachers.

We will begin with a unit on Measures to fit with 'All About Me' before moving onto place value, addition and subtraction, algebra, money, geometry and statistics.

## EHCPs:

There will be dedicated time each week to ensure that any therapies identified in individual EHCPs take place. This includes those recommended by the SALT pathways identified for pupils. We will continue to be supported by Penny Moran for all areas of speech and lanauaae.

## Curriculum

Our curriculum will focus on the needs of our children with language and communication at the heart of our learning. PSHE, motor skills and Memory and Processing development will be woven through the topics we cover. On Thursday afternoons we will be completing some food activities both as part of developing life skills and to help with some sensory needs. Children will take part on alternate weeks. Please let us know if your child has any allergies.

## PSHE:

As part of our recovery curriculum we will be focusing on working together as a class building relationships and friendships. We will also be taking part in a project focusing on the story 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers.

## PE:

PE will take place every week so children will need there kit in school. This can be brought in at the beginning of the half term and will be sent home when it needs washing. Please ensure all kit is named and that children have appropriate footwear.

## All About Me: Toys and Games

Our first topic will begin with a focus on the children themselves, drawing on previous work around The Chimp Paradox, using My Inner Chimp by Professor Steve Peters. This will transition into the Toys and Games topic which will cover elements of history, geography, art and design technology.

We are lucky enough to have Mrs Brighthouse with us every Thursday to enable Mrs Mitchell and Miss Donoghue to have planning and assessment time. The children know Mrs Brighthouse well and enjoy learning with her.

## Homework:

Homework is given out on a **FRIDAY** and must be in the following **WEDNESDAY**.

We hope you find this newsletter useful and if you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to contact school on Class Dojo.  
Thank you Mrs Mitchell, Miss Donoghue and The Forest Team