



HAWKSWORTH WOOD
PRIMARY SCHOOL

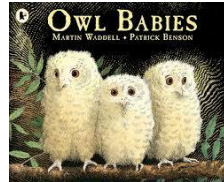
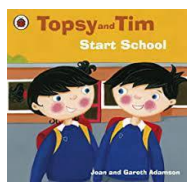
Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 Donaldson Class

English

At the start of your child's learning journey, we will be covering the school rules, routines and expectations so that they will be aware of how school life works and what is expected of them. In English we will be giving meaning to the marks that we make, beginning with forming the letters in own names and other words or drawings that are important to us.

Reading is incredibly important to children's development so we will be listening to stories with increasing attention and beginning to retell important events. We will be using lots of texts alongside our learning as well as reading Julia Donaldson stories as that is our class name!



Topic

Our topic this half term is 'Guess Who!' We will be discussing people and places important to us, speaking about past and present experiences and thinking about our similarities and differences, our likes and dislikes and our feelings. We will also think about how we have changed since we were babies and what we can do now that we couldn't before.

We will practice lots of skills and grow our independence as well as finding out who is who at school.

How can you help ?

Please ensure that your child's uniform, coat, packed lunch and book bag all **have their name in**, this is essential as items can sometimes get misplaced.

We ask that book bags be brought in daily please, that way any artwork or letters can be sent home safely.

If you would like to leave a bag with spare clothes at school for your child, you can leave it on their peg in the cloakroom.

Please provide your child with a water bottle that is clearly labelled with their name.

Reading

We will begin teaching Phonics this half term using the 'Little Wandle' scheme. This will begin with exploring rhyme and rhythmic activities and playing listening games. We will then introduce 4 new sounds each week.

We will send home a library book every week for you to enjoy reading with your child this fosters an interest in, and love of reading.

As their phonic knowledge develops, we will also send home a book for them to read to you.

Maths

In Maths we will be recognising numbers of personal significance, will be learning about number representations, patterns and relationships, practice counting orally and exploring numbers to five initially.

PE

As our outdoor area offers lots of opportunities for physical development we will begin PE after the October half term. When the children are more settled.

PE will be on Monday

Dates for your Diary

Friday 29th September

MacMillan Coffee morning

Wednesday 20th September

EYFS Phonics workshop