

THE BROOK BROADCAST

WOODLAND WONDERS

Last week I wrote about our new Woodland Wonders approach and this week we have been working on beginning to plan our exciting sessions and preparing the woodland itself, along with resources.

It was lovely to see the team come together for the first time and begin sharing ideas to make this project as exciting and successful as possible. We thought that you would all like to see the 'Woodland Wonders' Team



Mrs Kinsahsa Carr
Learning Mentor and Woodland
Wonders Leader



Mrs Stephanie Dorelli
Woodland Wonders
Assistant



Mrs Kelly Mason
Woodland Wonders
Assistant



Wickes in Crawley have been very generous and have supported our new project by donating many of the things we need to set up our Woodland Wonders area. They donated large bags of bark chippings, a wheel barrow, plenty of guy rope, a large tarpaulin and two buckets to get us going. We are so grateful for the generosity of Wickes.

We also want to send a massive thank you to one of our Dads, Mr Pretorius, who has provided the school with beautiful log seating for the Woodland Wonders area. We are so excited about beginning this new venture and cannot wait to get started.



FACEBOOK REGISTRATION



If you have a child in either Year One or Year Two, you should have received the password to allow access your Facebook group for use if we have to isolate a bubble or find ourselves in local or national lockdown again.

Please note, you must answer all the three questions listed, including inputting the password provided via text today. You also need to tick the box to agree to our terms and conditions.

If you do not do this, we will be in contact as we cannot grant access without this.

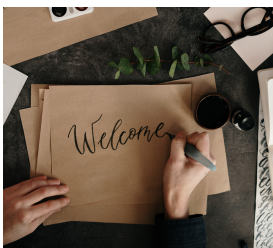
SOCIAL MEDIA SAFETY

In school, we have our own social media policy, designed to keep children and families safe.

As we have begun a new academic year, we feel we should remind everyone that we all have a responsibility to each other and the school community in general. We believe that social media is a great communication tool and a fabulous way to celebrate with the wider community, but we also know it can be in a negative way.

At Brook Infant and Nursery, we care about every little person and their family and therefore we feel it is important to remind everybody that firstly, any possible problems involving our children need to be brought to the school as soon as possible. We are always here to listen. Secondly, as adults, we know that there are two sides to every story, but social media only ever portrays one and we would not want any of our children or families shown in an untrue light due to this. Please remember that if referring to anyone online, that the subject of your comment is a person who has feelings and is loved and special to other humans.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF



We would like to welcome Mrs Kelly Mason, who has joined our 'Woodland Wonders' Team. Kelly comes to us with her experience of being a playgroup manager and also having woodland skills training.

For the Autumn and Summer terms, we are also blessed with two training teachers, Mrs Shannon Richman (who is working in Kingfishers) and Miss Nicole Maynard (who is working in Badgers).

HELP NEEDED!

All of our children are thoroughly enjoying our PE lessons and they are developing their independence when changing for PE. Please could you help us by supporting their independent dressing and changing at home. It is always good to set them challenges, for example, 'can you be dressed by the time a favourite piece of music has ended'. Being able to care for yourself is an important life skill to develop and the less time we spend on dressing, the more time we have to spend on fun!

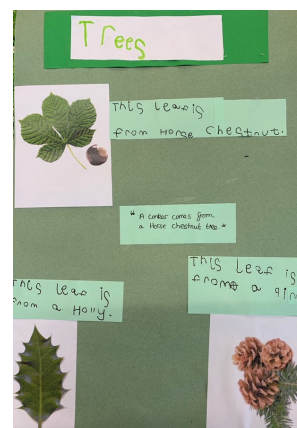
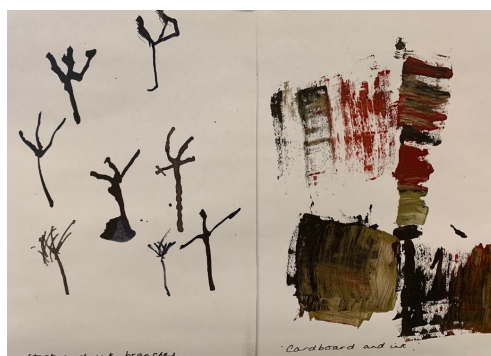
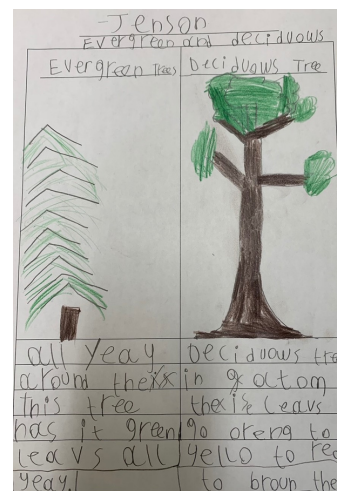
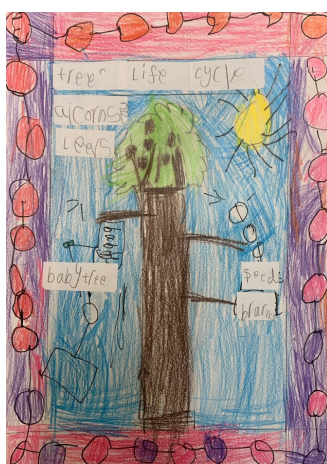


OUR 'INTO THE WOODS' LEARNING

We have been so impressed with the learning that the children have been doing over the last few weeks. They are becoming experts on woodlands and have been learning about the different types of trees, many being able to identify what trees different leaves and seeds come from.

Some children have been creating Owl artwork. Others have written information pages about trees, created writing about their special stick that they collected in our woods, started to write their own non-fiction booklets and practiced mark making with ink and pastels.

We are so proud of the effort that the children are putting into their work and it is lovely to see how much they are enjoying their learning.



IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 13th October 2020 - Individual Photographs for the Whole School and Nursery. These will take place in 'The Nest'.

Tuesday 20th October 2020 - Flu Nasal Sprays for all Children.

Tuesday 20th October 2020 - Forest School Session for Squirrels - separate letter sent out to Year Two families. **PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE COMPLETED YOUR ONLINE PERMISSION FORM.**

Friday 23rd October 2020 - School Breaks for Half Term.

Monday 2nd November - Back to School

Tuesday 24th November - Forest School Session for Badgers.

Tuesday 10th November - Parent Consultations (more information to follow as these will be virtual).

Thursday 12th November - Parent Consultations (more information to follow as these will be virtual).

Monday 16th November - ILP Writing Day (more information to follow to families for which this is relevant).

Thursday 19th November - ILP Writing Day (more information to follow to families for which this is relevant).

Friday 20th November - ILP Writing Day (more information to follow to families for which this is relevant).

Thursday 17th December 2020 - School Closes at 13:00.

Friday 18th December 2020 - Inset Day

