

# Amazing Me

Who am I?

Newsletter Term 1 2024



Dear Parents,



A warm welcome to The Woodland!



Our topic for this first term is 'Amazing Me'. We will be reading a range of texts such as Super Duper You, Little Red Hen and What Makes Me a Me. We will be exploring who we are as people and our place in the world. We will think about our family and who we live with and where we live. We will also be learning about our immediate environment, and navigating this new adventure! Alongside this in Reception, we will be working on counting, number recognition, and recognising amounts. We will also be developing our foundation understanding of letters and sounds. We will be using the phonics programme Little Wandle.

<p>Reading</p> 	<p>In a few weeks, if your child is in reception, they will bring home a Little Wandle text which will remain the same all week. Please do share this book with your child as often as you can as this will give your child confidence and develop their fluency. It is essential that books are brought into school every day as these will be used during our reading sessions. Initially, the books that you will share will not have any words in them. At this stage it is really helpful to encourage the children to use the pictures to tell stories or to spot initial sounds. You may like to add a positive or helpful comment in the reading diary but please acknowledge that the book has been read by signing and dating in the comments section. In Rabbits (Pre-school), we will be sharing stories together and working on our listening and understanding skills.</p>
<p>Maths</p> 	<p>We will be using the maths mastery approach, alongside White Rose Maths to help with our teaching of number and numerical pattern. We will also use Cbeebies Numberblocks. In Reception, children will participate in direct teaching inputs, and will have opportunities within their play and independent learning to put new techniques into practice!</p>

### **Gentle Reminders- Rabbits and Hedgehogs:**

- Please can you make sure your child brings in a named **water bottle** and their **book bag** each day.
- Can the children please always bring a named **coat** particularly as the British weather is unpredictable!
- Should you have any queries about sessions (Rabbits), please email either [easthoathlyoffice@pioneerfederation.co.uk](mailto:easthoathlyoffice@pioneerfederation.co.uk) or [eh-nursery@pioneerfederation.co.uk](mailto:eh-nursery@pioneerfederation.co.uk). Please do not contact staff directly.

### **Hedgehogs (Reception):**

- Our regular PE days are **Thursdays and Fridays, but we ask that PE kits are in all week**. These will be returned on the last day of each half term. **May we please ask that all PE items are named.**

### **Forest School**

Children will take part in one session per term and the dates for these will be put in each of the school newsletters. For forest school sessions we advise that the children have the following in a named bag;

- A pair of wellington boots (These can be kept at school all year round)
- A pair of leggings or trousers
- A long sleeved top
- A jumper/ fleece
- A pair of socks
- A waterproof jacket/ coat
- Waterproof trousers or overalls (if you have them)
- Hat, scarf, gloves for the winter months
- Hat and sun cream for summer months

This terms Forest School Sessions are on the **18<sup>th</sup> September** and the **9<sup>th</sup> October**.

### **Home Learning**

We encourage children to continue their learning at home which will enhance their progress at school.

Phonics – If you are supporting your child with their phonics at home please visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ksblMiliA8> to ensure you are teaching the pronunciation of the sounds in the same way.

### **Useful websites**

[www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk) – Phase 2 - phonics games and activities.

[www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk) – Early Years maths and phonics games.

[.https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks](https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks) - number blocks clips

We hope you all have a lovely first term supporting the children in their learning and please do not hesitate to come and speak to us if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support.

Miss Howes, Miss Walker and Mrs Osborn

