

Turquoise Class

Hello! :) Turquoise is a brand new class, and we are super proud of being in this class! We like our new classroom too. In the morning, we work on our small muscle skills with threading activities and other fiddly tasks like doing shoe laces on a model boot! We also do TEACCH first thing in the morning which means we've got to complete several *personal* little jobs.

PE: It's not all work, we do get to run around - when we do our sensory circuit first thing in the morning or get to visit the PE hall or soft play room, or try out various vehicles with wheels in the bike area. We are extremely privileged to have Sherbourne Movement Therapy sessions with Catherine every Wednesday too!

Sensory: Light and Sound Room is right next to Turquoise Class classroom so we try and use it when we can. Our topic this term is **When You Go Down to the Woods Today**. A lot of our exciting sensory experiences come through exploring "the woods" around us. We've investigated the little forest-like area at the back on the science garden, and the conker alley right next to Red Gates.

Cooking: We've been busy preparing delicious meals with 'forest goods', like mushrooms! We would often have it as our afternoon snack when it pops out of the oven, nice and hot!

Maths: If we want to cook, we've got to do our own shop—so the teachers tell us! We've been busy budgeting for our cooking lessons because you can't just go into a shop and buy whatever you want. You've got to think carefully before you go.

English: We've been working on answering questions about what we can see, hear, feel, and do in the woods, as well as learning new topic-related vocabulary. We've also been practising recognising familiar and looking for new sounds, letters and words.

Science: "Trees, trees, trees have roots and trunks and leaves!" This is a line from our favourite song this term! We've been learning about tree parts and how trees work and what they give to us. We've read a beautiful story *The Giving Tree* about a friendship between a boy and a tree that sacrificed its fruit and wood so he had food to eat and could build a house. We are also learning to be kind and caring towards our friends! :)

We'll be sharing more news in our next Newsletter, Turquoise Team

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