

Acorns: Term 1- 'Whatever the Weather'

This term we will be exploring different aspects of the weather learning about contrasting conditions – Hot / Cold country Gambia/ North Pole

- What is weather? We will set up a weather station and use a daily weather chart for recording our weather.
- Use maps and charts to set up a weather reporting studio
- The children will learn about the changes in the seasons – they will adopt a tree to observe changes over the year.
- We will learn about the rain, rainbows and will also make a rain stick.
- What is the weather like around the world? We will learn about a hot country – Gambia, finding out about its weather and seasons and compare this to the UK. The children will also explore the cold region – the North Pole
- Acorns will explore the wind by making kites, windmills, bubbles
- We will write weather poems, learn weather rhymes and create music to accompany our poems



EVENTS:



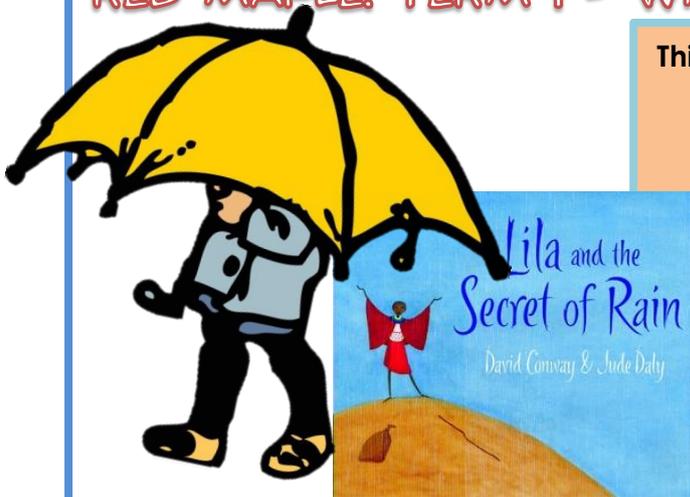
We have already visited our small wooded area to look at the changes beginning to happen, and were excited to find acorns!

- **We will continue to visit the wood to look at changes during the seasons.**
- **For our fabulous finish we are going to turn our learning areas, into the North Pole with our igloo completed.**

Please could we have 2l milk containers to build an igloo and also tubes to make rain sticks...



RED MAPLE: TERM 1 - 'WHATEVER THE WEATHER'

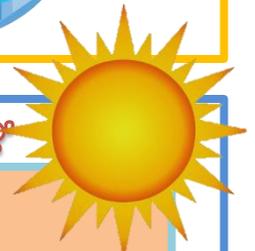


This term we will be learning about:

- Africa and the weather, through our literacy text Lila and the Secret of the Rain. We will also explore other books with an African theme, poetry and rhymes – incorporating these in our music sessions too.
- In science and geography the children will be exploring weather, and seasonal change both in the UK and in other countries.
- In RE we are looking at the miracles of Jesus. Please take a look at our reflection area when you are next in our class.
- Mathematics this term we will be investigating place value, money, 2D shapes and length
- Our Art and Design will explore Monet's Umbrellas picture and recreating it, designing and making African mud huts, colour mixing and seeing what the children would like to do too.
- In PE this term, will be learning striking and fielding games and gymnastics.

The pupils have been developing their role play area to help their understanding and act out the story we are studying.

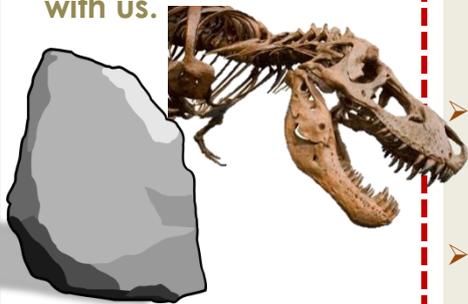
For a fabulous finish we will share our learning with parents and carers at the end of term, there may even be a surprise!!



BLUE SPRUCE: TERM 1 - STONES AND BONES

EVENTS:

For our 'Fabulous Finish' at the end of this term, we will be turning our classroom into a museum, inviting parents and children to look around and share our learning journey with us.



This term we will be learning about:

- The life of Mary Anning the famous palaeontologist- we will be researching her life using the Internet and books; finding out how significant her discoveries were.
- Fossils – we will learn how they were created and what they tell us.
- Rocks – we will be exploring different types of rocks, their properties and how they are formed.
- Changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age – we will be finding out how, when and where early man lived and how we know this from the evidence discovered over the ages.
- Art and Design Technology – we will be creating 2d and 3d displays in the style of early artwork and using modelling techniques to re-create famous historical buildings.
- PE – we will be practising and developing our multi-skills, throwing, catching, kicking, dribbling and batting.



EVERGREEN: TERM 1 - 1066 AND ALL THAT



Visits and Visitors

During this term we have organised a trip to Battle Abbey. Here we will stand on the spot where 950 years ago, England's future was fought in the decisive battle of 1066. As well as this we have an Anglo-Saxon workshop visiting the school.

This term we will be learning about:

- The Normans and the Saxons by studying our local history.
- How the Bayeux Tapestry is used as evidence to support the Battle of Hastings.
- The events of 1066
- Writing and debugging computer programmes.
- Invasion games –tag rugby and football.
- Islam – religious similarities and differences.
- In English we will be studying the novel Beowulf for the basis of our writing.



As always, we would love to see your children bring in any books or artefacts relating to their learning journey from home.