

Celebrating Little Orchard class!



Term:
Autumn 2

Hello and a warm welcome back to Little Orchard class! I hope you have all had a good half term break! My name is Max and I will be your child's teacher, alongside my team of teaching assistants; Rory, Codyann, Rosina, Ruth, Andrew, and Lisa. I have worked in SEN schools since 2016, joining Doubletrees in September 2023, and I have a passion for supporting young people with complex additional needs. I aim to make school as enjoyable as possible for your young person, whilst also helping them to progress academically. I moved from Buckinghamshire to Cornwall one year ago and feel incredibly lucky to live in this beautiful county! I enjoy playing/watching football, cold water swimming and taking my dog for walks.

DT—We will making various simple recipes (no bake recipes!) with a focus on basic hygiene and safety when cooking.

Computing—We will be looking at basic internet safety, whilst exploring the iPads and navigating these with adult supervision.



Science - We have enjoyed exploring different plants in our sensory garden and in the polytunnel.

English - We will be having a daily sensory story, along with mark making practice, developing our fine motor skills.

Love of reading—All learners have a reading book that they read daily upon their arrival into school. We will send these home at the weekends with their reading log for you to also use if you wish to!

Maths — We have been focusing on developing our skills within number and geometry this term. We have been exploring activities involving numbers up to 10 and learning about some 2d shapes through lots of sensory activities, including bucket time.

Developing our gross motor skills

During Autumn term 1, we continued to develop our swimming skills. We go swimming three times a week in Little Orchard and have been working on our water confidence. We also have weekly PE lessons, please ensure your young person has a PE kit consisting of shorts and a T-shirt. We will be changing into PE kits to practice our independence skills and will send this home half termly to be washed.



Honourable WOW moments.

All learners settled into their new class environment amazingly well last half term and we look forward to seeing more progress!

Photos this half term

Our iPad is finally fixed so we will share as many as possible with you this half term through Evidence for Learning!

Reminders!

Upcoming events!

Monday 11th November- Remembrance Day

Friday 15th November - Children in Need

W/B 18th November - Anti Bullying Week

The class team..

Little Orchard class is made up of teacher; Max, teaching assistants; Rory, Codyann, Rosina, Ruth, Andrew and midday supervisor Lisa. We also have Phil covering Max's PPA time in the week.

Next steps

- We will share pictures on Evidence for Learning weekly for you and your young person to look back on. Feel free to add some pictures from home/out in the community—we love to see what the learners get up to!

Don't forget...

PE day is Thursday!

Swimming day on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Outdoor learning (make sure we have outdoor clothing—wellies (if your child likes mud) and plenty of spare clothes.

Snacks!

Please consider donating to our DT/cooking fund via parent pay! It really does help!

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