

# Year 3 Newsletter

Week beginning: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2022

## Woodland Learning



We had a lovely day on Tuesday at Woodland Learning. The children played in the stream for the first time this year- sorry about the muddy clothing and faces, but the children really did have fun! Some of the class chose to make little hedgehogs using clay and sticks that really were adorable.



## PE

In PE on Wednesdays, we have been exploring dance by creating patterns of movement. The children have learnt to count beats, change direction while dancing and travel in time to music. They enjoyed beginning this unit last week where they created a dance with a partner, which required them to use mirrored movements. Their dances are based on a poem about Peter Pan and his shadow.

## Maths

In maths, we have been measuring and calculating the perimeter of 2D shapes. The perimeter is the distance around a 2D shape. The children compared different 2-D shapes which have the same perimeter. They made connections between the properties of 2-D shapes and measuring the perimeter. Throughout the week, they explored two different methods for calculating the perimeter of a shape. Children used a mixture of repeated addition or they made make connections to multiplication.



## English

This week, Year Three learnt about fables. They discovered that fables are short stories which feature animals that are often given human qualities. These stories always have a moral, which aims to teach its readers a valuable lesson. Most of our best-known fables are thought to have been written by a man called Aesop, who is believed to have been a slave in Ancient Greece around 550BC.

On Monday and Tuesday, the children read lots of different fables and identified the features that they contained. They discussed the morals in the stories and how the animals had been anthropomorphised (given human qualities).

Below are some of the morals we discovered this week:



One of the most famous fables is The Hare and the Tortoise. In this fable, both animals are anthropomorphised in that they can speak and are competing against each other in a race. The arrogant hare stops to sleep halfway through the race, because he is convinced he has enough time to do this and then re-join the race and win it. Meanwhile, the slow but determined tortoise keeps going and wins, while the hare is asleep. This famous fable will be looked at in more detail next week and it will inspire the children to write their own fables.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Courtney and Mrs Patterson