4th October 2017

Things you could do with your child this term.

Dear parents,

There have been a number of you who have been asking on our home visits what you can do to support your child’s development at home. The key things (that most of you are doing anyway) are:

- reading to your child (modelling reading to children is really important particularly when they are starting to learn to read themselves)
- talking to your child about their day
- being independent when going to the toilet and wiping their bottom
- using a knife and fork
- reminding them about using ‘please’ and ‘thank you’
- getting dressed and undressed independently, including a coat
- playing games, where you have to take turns and sometimes they lose

Some other activities which you might like to do this term in order to expand on your child’s experiences are:

- cooking with an adult
- building a den
- playing in the rain
- making a picture from fallen leaves and sticks
- learning to ride a bike
- make a trail with sticks
- making a mud pie
- setting up a snail race
- visiting a beach
- visiting a farm
- exploring inside a tree (Danbury Park is really good for this)
- Stargazing
- Bird watching
- Nature walk
Please feel free to take pictures of your child to share their experiences with the class. This list is a guide only and all optional but gives you some ideas how you can expand your child’s experiences, increasing their personal development.

Some of the things we will be doing in school are:

- Visiting the library on alternate Wednesdays
- Outside PE on the other alternate Wednesday (your child will need a tracksuit in the cold weather)
- Indoor PE (Oak – Tuesday; Willow – Thursday)
- Afternoon tea for adults – Friday 13th October, 2:15 details to follow
- Family assembly at 10:15am (Oak -Wednesday 18th October; Willow – Friday 20th October)
- Swimming (Fridays 1.30 – 3.00 p.m. Oak – Spring term ; Willow – Summer term)
- Superhero fancy dress day – Friday 20th October
- Please keep your eye on the newsletter for other dates

Thank you for your support

Miss Holme and Mrs Perry