Forest School

We will be taking our learning out into our beautiful forest where we will be listening to the sounds in the forest and investigating what animals might live there. We will also be looking at the weather and seasonal changes.

Home Challenge- This Week in Darter and Cubtail

Home challenges will be set for children on a Friday and given out as part of their "This week in Darter/ Cubtail" class updates.

Our class Maths Moneky Poppy will go home every week with a different child. Poppy will be given out on a Wednesday and will need to be returned the next Wednesday ready for another child to take.

<u>General</u>

We are trying to enable the children to become independent learners, you can help them by ensuring they carry their own belongings into school in the mornings.

Children will need a PE kit for when we do physical activities in the hall or playground.

Wellies are needed in school for our outdoor learning. Spare wellies and clothes are always appreciated!

In hot weather children need to come into school with sun screen on and bring some with them so that it can be reapplied. Children should also bring a hat to protect them when we are outside.

We operate an open door policy in Cubtail and Darter Class. Please come in and speak to us if you have any queries.

Townley School and Pre-School



Summer Term 2018

Cubtail and Darter Class — Miss Lavender

Communication and Language

This term we will be supporting and encouraging the children to listen and concentrate in a range of situations such as during assemblies and whole class inputs. We will also be supporting and encouraging the children to ask how any why questions appropriately and accurately. The children will also be developing their talking to organise, sequence and clarify their thinking, ideas, feelings and events.

Physical Development

The children will be exploring the importance of having a healthy lifestyle and what this might consist of in terms of diet, exercise and self-care. They will also be learning to consider safety when trying new things and using and transporting tools. The children will continue to develop their gross motor skills particularly ball skills, dance and how to negotiate space. Along with this the children will take part in fine motor activities such as dough disco and finger gym.

Personal, Social and Emotional

We will be encouraging the children to negotiate and solve problems and supporting them with successful strategies. The adults will also model this through using the restorative approach. We will also be supporting and encouraging the children to initiate, extend and join in with play with other children and groups.

<u>Literacy</u>

This term the children will be exploring non-fiction texts and different ways of finding out information using a range of books and computers. They will be using talk-4-writing to develop their own stories and will be writing these up using story language. The children will also be creating posters linked to our topics and we will be looking at different rhymes and poems and creating our own versions of some popular ones.

<u>Phonics</u>

In Phonics Cubtail will be tuning into initial sounds and exploring rhyme through interactive games. They will also be exploring different sounds in their environment through games and music. Darter will be continuing to develop their segmenting and blending for reading and writing. Darter will be working consolidating their phonic knowledge learnt so far and will be focusing on using and applying their knowledge to their reading and writing.

<u>Maths</u>

In maths this term we will be looking at 2D and 3D shapes and we will be identifying these shapes in our everyday lives and environments. We will also be looking at and exploring different ways to measure objects. The children will also be developing methods to record mathematically and will be practicing their number formation. We will also be supporting the children's developing their knowledge of subtraction, doubling, halving and sharing.

Understanding the World

This term we will be looking at the seasonal changes from Spring to Summer and will be planting seeds, plants and vegetables to look after and observe. Along with this we will also be talking about past and present events in our lives and looking at different natural and found objects. We will also be developing our ICT knowledge through using simple programmes and technology for a purpose.

Expressive Art and Design

The children will have opportunities to explore different textures. We will also be exploring different movements in response to music and instruments. We will also be supporting the children in introducing a storyline to their play.