

A Message From Miss Stevens

The Buttercups have been very busy this half term, developing their social skills and understanding the natural world around them. The children started by reading the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We were so excited to plant our own beans and see how tall they could grow. We labelled parts of a plant and discovered what they need to grow successfully. The Buttercups then explored different types of minibeasts and how they can help our garden grow. The children enjoyed the forest school experiences, searching for minibeasts under rocks and logs. We then used tools, such as peelers and loppers, to create our minibeast hotel.

The Buttercups then read the story of 'The Enormous Turnip'. We used our senses to explore a turnip and other root vegetables. The children created their own turnip soup following a set of instructions. We washed, peeled and chopped the vegetables as a team and watched as the vegetables changed when warmed up. The Buttercups then did a fantastic job at writing their very own soup recipe, using the Talk for Writing approach.

Throughout this topic we have been observing signs of spring and new life. It has been really interesting to watch our class caterpillars change into beautiful butterflies. We also explored the different parts of a daffodil and used water colours to capture our observations. On our school trip we had our investigation hats on and spotted lambs, daffodils, tulips, young birds and lots more. The children were fantastic in the pond dipping activity and found many water creatures in the wetlands.

In Maths we have been focusing on spotting the relationships in numbers. We have explored addition and subtraction within ten and repeating patterns.

We are very excited for our next topic 'Adventures above and below the clouds'.

Dates for the Diary

Date	Event	Information
2.5.22	Bank Holiday	No school
2.5.22	Deaf Awareness Week	We will be learning some songs in sign language and learning how to finger spell our names.
4.5.22	Welly Wednesday	Forest School Day – Forest School kits please
11.4.22	Welly Wednesday	Forest School Day – Forest School kits please
13.5.22	Spencer Superstar Day Non -Uniform [£2 donation]	Charity Day – details to follow Any parent support for this event would be appreciated, for example, a cake stall.
16 th – 20 th . 5.22	Walk to School Week	This is a hard one for us to participate in – however, we can make an effort to walk to the bus.
18.5.22	Welly Wednesday	Forest School Day – Forest School kits please
25.5.22	Welly Wednesday	Forest School Day – Forest School kits please
27.5.22	Half Term	
6.6.22	Return to School	
8.6.22	Welly Wednesday	Forest School Day – Forest School kits please
15.6.22	Welly Wednesday	Forest School Day – Forest School kits please
17.6.22	Father's Day Afternoon	We are inviting our dads into school for the afternoon [1.30pm] to participate in a craft activity with the children and share some goodies with our dads.
21.6.22	World Music Day	Children to bring in their favourite song, music
22.6.22	Welly Wednesday	Forest School Day – Forest School kits please
24.6.22	INSET	
27.6.22	School Closed – Jubilee Owed Day	
29.6.22	Welly Wednesday	Forest School Day – Forest School kits please
6.7.22	Welly Wednesday and transition morning for new EYFS pupils.	Forest School Day – Forest School kits please
7.7.22	World Chocolate Day	Aprons – This is going to be messy
13.7.22	Welly Wednesday and transition morning for new EYFS pupils	Forest School Day – Forest School kits please
20.7.22	Move Up Morning with Miss Begley New EYFS children with Miss Stevens	No Forest School on this day
20.7.22	Celebration Assembly	2.15pm at Chellaston Fields
22.7.22	Break Up for Summer	
1.9.22	Return to School	

How Does Your Garden Grow?

Our topic this half term is 'Adventures Above and Below the Clouds'. More information about our topic can be found on the website and on the Knowledge Organiser

Clover Leys School Website

We hope that you use our Twitter Page to look at pictures of some of the activities in which the children have participated. We also have a curriculum page, digital copies of our newsletters and policies on our school website.

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New Staff

Welcome Miss Begley



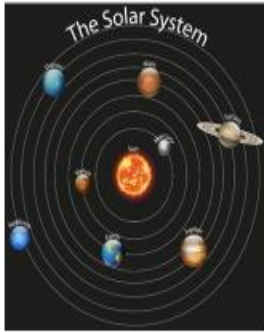
Hello mums and dads 😊 My name is Miss Begley and I am so excited to be joining Clover Leys in September. I will be your child's Year One teacher and I cannot wait to meet and get to know both you and your child.

This academic year will be my seventh year of teaching. Previously, I have taught Year One during the first two years of my teaching career in Chesterfield, where I led Phonics and PE. For the past four years, I have been living and teaching in Dubai, where I have taught Reception and Year Two and have been the Head of English for Early Years and Key Stage One. I am thrilled to be moving back home to the UK and sharing a new and exciting chapter at Clover Leys with you and your child.



EYFS Knowledge Organiser – Adventures above and below the clouds.

This term we will adventure into Space exploring the planets, the sun and the moon. We will be learning about inspirational astronauts, Tim Peake and Mae Jenson. The Buttercups will then zoom back to earth and focus on how to improve our planet.



Tim Peake was the first British Astronaut in Space. Mae Jenson was the first black woman astronaut in Space.



Key Vocabulary:
Reuse, recycle, biodegradable.



Activities you can do at home:

- Can you sort your rubbish at home?
- Can you create something new by using recycled materials?
- Can you look up at the stars and spot the constellations?

What is an astronaut? What does an astronaut need in space? What is the moon? What planet do we live on? Can you name the planets in our solar system?



Key Vocabulary:
Astronaut, helmet, spaceuit, boots, belt, back pack, visor, gravity and thrust

Recycling is the process of converting waste materials into new materials and objects.

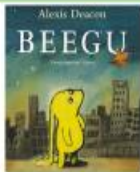
What is plastic? What does reuse and recycle mean? What does the term biodegradable mean? What can we do in school to help reduce plastic waste and landfills?



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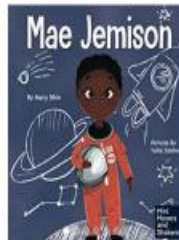
Key Texts

Talk for Writing

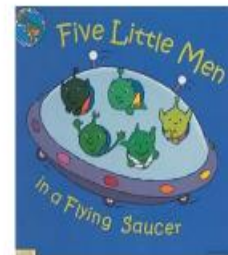


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Story Language:
Once
One day
First
Then
Suddenly
After that
Eventually
Later



Nursery Rhymes



Busy Buttercups

