



Whale class is based at the satellite provision at Palace Wood School. We learn best with practical activities, real life experiences and highly visual approaches and we enjoy working in small groups, with our learning partners and independently.

Our focus is on making progress with reading, writing and maths and developing our strategies so that we can become independent learners. During topic activities, we also develop key skills by participating in 'hands on' and creative activities.

Our PSHE curriculum places importance on developing social and life skills so that we can become confident and independent members of our community in the future. We work on building our self-esteem and relationships with each other, communication skills and learning about personal care. We participate in keeping safe sessions where we learn about road safety, keeping ourselves safe when around both strangers and people we know and online safety.

To help us to be ready to engage and learn, we use the Zones of Regulation to help us to express our emotions and we understand the importance of talking about how we are feeling to adults.

At Palace Wood we are fortunate to have an amazing outdoor environment. Much of our learning is outside and one of the highlights are our Forest School sessions. We use every opportunity to learn in school, in our outside learning environment and in our local community. Some of the topics we will be focusing on this year are; the Tudors, mountains, rivers around the world and World War II.

