



Dear Parents/ Carers of children in Woodpeckers Class,

A very warm welcome to the Spring term Woodpeckers Class! We are really happy to see you all and we look forward to a fun—and busy- term.

Below, we have outlined some information regarding the work covered in our class this term as well as general routines. We hope this will be of help and interest to you.



Maths

This term in maths, Year 1 will be looking at numbers to 20, then to 50, adding and subtracting up to 20 before 1/2 term, and then length, weight, height and capacity before Easter. We will teach through a mixture of practical activities and our workbooks. Year 2 will be focussing on money (recognising, and beginning to calculate with, coins and notes), and multiplication and division in the first 1/2 of term before concentrating on height, weight, length, temperature and capacity during the run up to Easter. Year 2 children need to know 2, 5 and 10 times tables by the end of the year.

Year 1 children need to know their number bonds up to 20 and We will be constantly revising this in class but may also occasionally send home support work. Formation of numbers is just as important as when we write our letters and so we will be supporting children to have their numbers the correct way around.

Reading and Phonics

We are following the Bug Club phonics for children in Year 1. The books we are sending home match up with this to help the children put what they are learning into practice, so please take time to read these with your children. This term we will continue looking at different spelling pattern for the long vowels (ay, ee, igh, oh, oo) as well as spelling variations of 'or', 'ere' and 'air' etc.

We are also beginning to look at comprehension questions and how we can use what we have read to understand new words. By using Bug Club reading online you will have reading level appropriate questions to answer. Children in Year 2 will now be having daily Guided Reading sessions to help strengthen their understanding of what they read. Any questions regarding logging in to Bug Club, please just ask.

Writing

This half term the children will be looking at the Non-fiction text, "Could a Penguin Ride a Bike?" and writing fact pages about an animal of their choice.

We will be continuing our focus on correct sentence punctuation and letter formation. Year 2 will be concentrating on joining-up some of their letters.

Through each topic, we will be deepening our understanding of nouns, verbs and adjectives.

RE

In RE, Year 1 children are going to be looking at Galilee to Jerusalem. During this unit, they will be thinking about how Jesus' childhood and mission, including how he changed people he met such as Zacchaeus and His disciples.

This term the Year 2s will be thinking about the Baptism of the Lord and starting to think about Jesus' miracles.

Science

In science in the 1st 1/2 term, we will be looking at the trees and plants—types of tree and how we can identify them by their shape and their leaves, how trees change over the course of the year, flowering plants, and the structure of plants and function of each part.

After half term, we will be thinking about everyday materials and their uses, including sorting materials, thinking of their properties, testing for absorbency, looking at transparency and opaqueness and the abi + change (and hold) shape.

PE and music

The children will have PE every Monday and Thursday with Mr Murnane. This term they are doing gymnastics and fundamentals.

Mrs Gibbs will continue to teach music on a Thursday.

History, computing, PSHE and Art

In History we are learning about the Great Fire of London: how it began, where it started and what has changed since.

In Computing, we will be making digital music using Chrome Music Lab—it is great fun and you can access the app from home for free! We will be trying to create music based on themes, such as moods and animals. After half term we will be reading and creating robot algorithms using BeeBots.

In PSHE we are looking at physical wellbeing, mental health, how we change and grow and how we can keep safe.

In art we are will be Looking at architecture and urban landscapes through photography and recording surface textures. producing a collaborative outcome with printmaking .

Homework

All Woodpeckers are expected to read at least 5x a week at home. Please continue to read and play games on Bug Club.

All homework will be set on IXL, please look under the recommendation section for what to do. If you want to play on other games too please do.

Fruit: The children will continue to receive a piece of fruit at morning playtimes.

Water: We encourage the children to drink during the day and at break times and therefore ask them to bring in a water bottle. This should not have squash/cordial/tea in it, only water. Please label your child's bottle. Thank you.

We look forward to an enjoyable term and as always are extremely appreciative of parental support with your child's learning at home i.e. listening to them read regularly on Bug Club or with their reading books, and practising spellings etc - it really does make such a difference to their progress. If you do have any concerns at any time about work or anything else, please do not hesitate to come and see us. Thank you for your support!

Miss Matthews, Mrs Bray and Mrs Foley