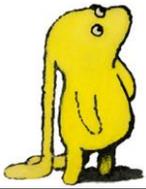


Woodpeckers Class Topic Newsletter
Autumn Term 2019

The following information is intended to give you a clearer understanding of the work your child will be doing during the autumn term.

Curriculum Title: **Lights, Camera, Action**

During the Autumn Term the children will be learning about:

Literacy	Numeracy	Science
<p>During this term the children will be focussing on stories focussing on the language used within the text. Then using our gained punctuation skills start to write detailed phrases and sentences. We will also be looking at narrative writing, poetry, and writing information texts (letters).</p> <p>We will also be encouraging pupils to develop a neat style to their handwriting at all times.</p> 	<p>We will be consolidating knowledge of number facts and practical methods of calculations and applying these strategies to solve real life problems involving number, place value, shape, addition and subtraction.</p> <p>Can we encourage you to practise counting forwards and backwards with your child every day to support their classroom learning?</p> 	<p>The children will be learning about everyday materials, looking closely at their properties and uses. Children will be encouraged to investigate why materials are used for certain objects, and explain using scientific language.</p> <p>During the term the children will be planning, completing and evaluating experiments based around construction, seeing which materials work the best.</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">ICT</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">History/Geography</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Music</p>
 <p>In ICT children will have the opportunity to explore and complete a range of programs on the iPad through completion of activities on the Purple / Mini mash app.</p> <p>The children will also explore a range of technology within the classroom environment.</p>	<p>Our topic this term is based on toys and how they have evolved over time, firstly concentrating on Lego-who created Lego? Where is Lego played with? This will then lead into games and toys that are around in different parts of the world, giving children the opportunity to build and explore these games. If you have any old toys that you are happy for us to look at then please send them in.</p> 	 <p>Children will be learning about a range of compositions. We will then try to use this to influence our own music making. We will make our own instruments and then enjoy using them to create some fabulous sounds.</p>

PSHE	Art/D&T	RE
<p>Our main themes for this term are: 'New Beginnings and 'Getting on and Falling out'. Children will also be learning about respecting the school values and using these throughout the term. We will be encouraging children to use good manners throughout the school and having respect for property. During PSHE lessons we will be discussing with children feelings of emotion and the actions we should make.</p> 	 <p>During our DT sessions we will be using Lego to create a range of constructions using our knowledge of the outside world. The children will be following instructions and then be implementing this knowledge to create and build some new games and toys that they can say they have designed and built for themselves. In art the children will be looking at the outside world and observing and recording changes that occur through the different seasons.</p>	<p>Our RE theme will focus on Christian celebrations and values. The children will be spending time in the church and will learn about all Christian artefacts leading through to December celebrations. The children will have the opportunity to explore the church grounds and meet members of the church community.</p> 
<h3>PE/Games</h3>		
<p>During the term the children will have PE lessons taught by both Inspire+ and myself, we start the year by learning the new sport of cheer leading. The children will learn to change within a given time and the importance of being up and active.</p> 		

We would like you to:

Ensure your child is in school, ready at 8.40am. The children's first lesson begins at 8:45am.

Encourage your child to read a range of different material, fiction and non-fiction. By reading and looking at magazines, cereal packets, posters, recipe books, leaflets etc your child will improve their reading skills and in addition also gain a better understanding of writing structures. Try as much as possible to ask questions on the text so that children are developing their comprehension skills.

Uniform/PE & Games Kit:

Sometimes we may have to change the days on which we do PE or an extra session is scheduled. We therefore ask that pupils have their indoor and outdoor kits, including their trainers, in school all the week. Please could you name your child's PE kit? It will then help us to find it if it goes astray.

Thank you for your support, Mrs Wright and Mrs Waters