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Woodpecker's Curriculum Newsletter Half Term 3

Dear Parents/Carers,

I trust that you and your family enjoyed a lovely Christmas and may I wish you a very happy New Year.

Our focus in English for this half term will be on Letters and Authors through a study of the life and plays of Roald Dahl. We will be looking in-depth at "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" which is a lot of fun! Please continue to support your children at home with their spellings and reading, particularly their comprehension skills.

Our Topic for this Half Term is 'Scrumdiddlyumptious' with a Geography focus comparing human and physical geographical features in regions of the UK and South America. In Science we will be looking at animals including humans with a focus on healthy eating and nutrition. We will also be looking at our Skeletons and Muscles to begin to understand why we need them and how they help us.

We will continue to focus on mental maths skills this half term and Sumdog challenges will continue to be set occasionally. Please be aware that it is not the amount of questions that they are completing, but how accurate they are in answering those questions, which is important. Remember, I do not expect them to spend hours in front of a computer, but little and often will see great benefits. Please speak to me if you have any problems accessing a computer.

Our PE lessons this half term will be on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. On Friday afternoon the children will need joggers, a jacket and trainers for PE as they will be doing Rugby and will be using the field whenever possible. This will probably result in some muddy kit, so please



don't send them with their best trainers and white joggers! They will also need to have these items washed and returned to school on a regular basis. Thank you for your support with this.

In the school play the Woodpeckers will be playing the part of the 'Indians' and they will be performing a dance and playing the very important role of the singing chorus! A further letter giving more details about costumes and props will be handed out at a later date, and there will be information in forthcoming Friday letters regarding tickets.

I look forward to seeing you at one of the performances of 'Ye Ha' if we all survive the rehearsals!

Kind regards,

Miss Holliday

Woodpeckers Class Teacher

