

## Woodpecker Class Curriculum News: Autumn Term 1 2018-2019

Welcome to Woodpecker Class! We hope that you had a lovely summer holiday, Ms Martin and I are looking forward to our new Topic, **Scrumdiddlyumptious** and working collaboratively with everybody this year. The children have settled well into their new classroom routines, thank you for ensuring they were well prepared.

**Beginning of the Day** – Please say goodbye to your child/children at the gate near the covered area at 8:45am. Mrs Thomas will be available at the door should you need to speak to her. The children can put their lunch boxes on the trolley, their book bags in the boxes and then hang their coats up in the classroom.

**End of the Day** – All children will be supervised leaving from the covered area once their parents/carers are seen outside.

**Blue Home-School Book** – Please continue to liaise as to how your child approaches their reading and any other home learning, what they achieve and/or any other information you wish to share with us in their blue home-school books. Their Home/School book will be checked by an adult and their reading book changed if necessary, please ensure that both are in their book bags every day to support reading and effective communication.

**Children should bring their book bags and contents to and from school every day please.**

**Reading** – All children will usually be heard read individually once a week and in a guided reading group. Please could children be heard read as often as possible at home, ideally every other night or at least three times a week.

**PE** – Our PE days will be on Mondays and Wednesdays. This term we will be outside as much as possible for Invasion Games on a Monday afternoon; Dance will be inside on a Wednesday morning. Hopefully the weather will continue to remain dry, at least on a Monday afternoon! Please provide tracksuits, trainers rather than plimsolls to allow for all eventualities and an additional pair of socks to avoid soggy feet. For indoor PE the children will need only shorts and t-shirts as they will work barefoot in the hall. **Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school and that all items are clearly labelled to hopefully prevent unnamed items being misplaced and additional items purchased.**

**A safety reminder – Earrings must be removed and long hair tied back before PE.**

**It is really important that all children regularly bring their kit in order to participate with PE activities.**

**Water bottles** – Please can children be provided with a named water bottle to keep in school so that they can easily access drinking water and remain hydrated throughout the day, especially during PE.

**Learning Logs** – Will continue to be sent home every other week on a Friday to be returned a week on Tuesday after the handout date. Please see below the dates this term.

Learning Log sent home	Learning Log returned to school
14/09/18	25/09/18
28/09/18	9/10/18
12/10/18	30/10/18

To promote creativity there will be a choice of tasks and these will continue to link to the work we have done or will be doing in class. *Please remind your children there is no right or wrong way to complete their chosen task; it is totally up to your child how they do it!*

**Maths Homework** – will start from Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September to be completed by the following Friday, this should be a short activity, relating and supporting the consolidation of their class learning.

**Spellings** – will also start from Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September, the children will be tested on the following Friday. The focus will be a range of vocabulary to support and enable the children to use these consistently and correctly in all their writing.

If you have any questions about any aspects of your child's school life, please do not hesitate to write a note in your child's home/school book or come and speak to me.

We are hoping to walk to the allotments for the afternoon as part of our school Topic, Scrumdiddlyumptious on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018, if you are available to help with this or you have an allotment that you could show us around please let me know, it would be much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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Woodpecker Class Teacher