

## Woodpecker Class Curriculum News: Autumn Term 2 2018-2019

We hope that you had an enjoyable week off. Our whole school Topic for what is certain to be an enjoyable and busy term is **Remember, Remember**.

**Beginning of the Day** – Please continue to say goodbye to your child/children at the gate near the covered area at 8:45am, the door will be closed at 8:55am, if you arrive after this time please could you go around to the main door. Mrs Thomas will be available at the door should you wish to speak to her. The children can put their lunch boxes on the trolley outside, 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 continue to be checked by an adult daily 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 – is and remains such an important part of all children’s education, their understanding and development. Please could you continue to listen to your child/children read five times per week.** To support reading as a vital skill all children will usually be heard read individually at least once a week, as well as in a guided reading group.

**PE – Our PE days will continue to be on Monday and Wednesday.** This term we will usually be inside for Indoor Athletics on a Monday afternoon; Dance and Yoga will continue to be inside on a Wednesday morning. Please continue to provide tracksuits, trainers rather than plimsolls to allow for all eventualities and an additional pair of socks to avoid soggy feet if we go outside. 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 continue and long hair tied back before PE.**

**Water bottles** – Please can children continue to bring 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.

<b>Learning Log sent home</b>	<b>Learning Log returned to school</b>
2/11/18	13/11/18
16/11/18	27/11/18
30/11/18	11/12/18

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 be given out on Friday when there is no Learning Log, to be completed by the following Friday, this should be a short activity, relating and supporting the consolidation of their class learning.

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**Spellings** – will usually be handed out on Friday, the children will be tested 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.

Thank you to all those who have helped with our recent walk, it is much appreciated as otherwise we would not be able to do this.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Elaine Thomas  
Woodpecker Class Teacher