

Welcome to Woodpecker Class!



Mrs Chamberlain
Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday and Thursday

Mrs Wilson
Friday

Dear Parents

Welcome to year 3! I hope your child enjoyed moving-up morning and is looking forward to being in Woodpecker Class. Today we've carried out lots of science and maths investigations and enjoyed a PE lesson. I gave the children a card envelope with a summer activity (optional) that your child can do if they would like to and a booklet with some activities to support maths at home.

Year 3 is a hugely important year. Most children are keen to be more independent, are aware of their strengths and are excited to learn. Most children love year 3 and are very ready for the change and challenge.

However, it can seem a bit daunting to be the younger year group again, in a class of bigger children that already seem to know what goes on. Year 3's are reminded to do their best and not compare themselves to year 4s!

In Woodpecker Class we aim to develop each child as an individual and to help them discover more about themselves and about others too.

I hope this booklet helps with the transition to year 3 and to the exciting year ahead.

If you have any queries please pop in after school to see me.

Yours Faithfully

Emma Chamberlain



Each Week

Monday - Fantastic Facts.

Tuesday - Ukulele

Wednesday - PE and Homework (one week reading comprehension, one week Mymaths)

Thursday - Spelling Homework

Friday - Swimming (spring dates tbc)



Maths - All children will use a range of manipulatives (Dienes, counters and Numicon) to extend and consolidate their understanding of Place Value and will start to look at addition and subtraction using apparatus and diagrams to support. We will focus on our 10, 5 and 2 times tables and the 'need for speed' with related facts.

English - During the first half term we will be learning through different versions of Cinderella, using puppets, story maps and drama. We will be revisiting phonics from KS1 and be learning to join our handwriting.

Topic - We will learn about the Iron Age and Stone Age.

Science - We will learn about Forces and Magnets.

Art - We will be exploring lines and watercolours based on the work of Wilhelmina Barnes Graham.

French - We will be introducing ourselves, each other and singing songs!

Music - children will enjoy developing their music skills with Mrs Palmer, learning to play the ukulele.

Computing - children will work towards a 'Computer Whizz' certificate, focusing on their presentation skills.

Swimming - lessons are on Friday mornings (dates tbc)

PE - we will be improving fitness with TLE PE coaches.

RE - children will be learning about and from religions with Mrs Wilson.

How you can support your child

- listen to your child read for 10 minutes daily, marking their Rainbow Reading bookmark, and using the comprehension questions, each time.
- complete weekly spelling investigations, looking for patterns in words.
- practice Fantastic Facts so your child is secure with the facts
- encourage your child to use Times Table Rock Stars, including improving their speed in the 'studio'.

Your child will need the following:

- named book-bag and water bottle
- reading book with Rainbow Reading bookmark
- Fantastic Facts or Snap Facts booklet
- homework book (which they'll get in the second week)
- healthy snack in a named tub to be stored in the class snack box (not their lunch box)
- home-school record book (children will need to give the book to an adult in class to pass on messages)
- named packed lunch (or hot school lunch)
- a clean PE kit to be kept at school
- children will NOT need rucksacks or pencil cases

Extras

- teach your child to tell the time, making reference to it throughout each day
- cook regularly with your child as it encompasses many maths skills
- draw and colour-in together, colouring in within the lines, and use scissors so they can cut accurately
- use a ruler together for making straight, accurate lines
- teach your child to tie their shoe laces independently (even if they don't have them on their shoes!)
- work through the maths activities from the booklet

Enjoy the summer break together!