

Autumn Term in Woodpecker Class!



Mrs Chamberlain
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

Mrs Wilson
Friday

Dear Parents

Welcome back! I hope you had a restful summer break and are feeling refreshed for the Autumn Term. As you know, Year 3 and 4 is a really important time in your child's schooling. Most children are keen to be more independent and are excited to learn. They are aware of the Secrets of Success and of their strengths. In Woodpecker Class we aim to develop each child as an individual and to help them discover more about themselves and about others too. There is a lot of curriculum to cover in year 3 and 4 and children need to work with determination and positivity to do their best. We enjoy making learning fun, challenging and achievable and pride ourselves on getting to know every child, understanding them as learners and as individuals. I hope this booklet helps to remind you and your child about being in Woodpecker Class and look forward to an exciting term. If you have any queries please pop in after school to see me or Mrs Wilson.

Yours Faithfully

Emma Chamberlain

Your child will need the following each day:

- named book-bag
- named water bottle
- reading book with Rainbow Reading bookmark
- Fantastic Facts booklet and card
- healthy snack in a named tub to be stored in the class snack box rather than 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 (but will do in year 5).



Each Week

Tuesday - Ukulele

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

Thursday - Spelling Homework

Friday - Swimming (Autumn only dates tbc), Fantastic Facts



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 multiplication tables and the 'need for speed' with related facts.

English - We will be learning through different versions of Cinderella, using puppets, story maps and drama and will use The Highwayman to look at character profiles, settings and narrative poetry. We will be revisiting phonics from KS1 and be developing our handwriting.

Topic - We will learn about the Iron Age and Stone Age and then learn about the Battle of Sedgemoor.

Science - We will learn about Forces and Magnets.

Art - We will be exploring lines and watercolours based on the work of Wilhelmina Barnes Graham and will have a go at Pop Art, inspired by Andy Warhol.

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 and will develop their programming skills.

Swimming - lessons are on Friday mornings in the Autumn term.

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