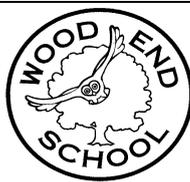


**Year 2
Parent Curriculum Letter
Spring Term 2019**



Happy New Year. We trust you had a restful holiday and that the children are looking forward to an exciting programme of lessons in the Spring Term.

English	The children will learn to extend sentences using conjunctions, commas, adjectives, apostrophes and adverbs. They will begin to organise their writing by applying speech punctuation and paragraphs in a variety of genres including instructions, poetry and story writing. There will be an emphasis on the use of 'adventurous' vocabulary and we will use Harpenden as a stimulus to plan and write an information leaflet about our local town. In phonics we will revise various spelling patterns with a continued focus on suffixes and specific rules e.g. 'ph'. We will also look at homophones and the use of the apostrophe for possession. Children will be encouraged to join their handwriting consistently.	
Maths	Children will continue to develop addition and subtraction skills, many beginning to use 3-digit numbers. They will consolidate their understanding of multiplication and division, as well as doubling and halving methods. They will be encouraged to use mental strategies or jottings to solve simple problems and will be taught how to check their work and how to estimate or recognise whether an answer looks reasonable. We will focus increasingly on applying their skills in word problems and investigations, many using money. The children will also be encouraged to use the decimal point to distinguish pounds and pence. They will begin to estimate, measure and compare weights using standard units (grams and kilograms). Time will also be taught, including o'clock, half past, quarter past, quarter to. Children will also develop their understanding of fractions.	
Science	The Science topic for the first half term is 'Uses of Everyday Materials.' We will investigate the properties of materials, using scientific vocabulary to describe and sort them into groups. We will explore natural and manufactured materials, and research how everyday objects are made. Children will also investigate waterproof materials. After half-term we will be learning about Plants. Children will observe plants and seeds closely and label their parts. They will conduct experiments to find out the requirements of seeds and what they need to help them to grow into mature plants.	
Computing	The Computing topic for this half term is 'We are photographers.' This unit covers: the camera, what makes a 'good' photo, taking, uploading, editing and enhancing photographs as well as organising photos into a portfolio. The safety aspect of searching online for photographs will also be covered.	
P.S.H.E.	The PSHE topic is 'Looking forward'. Children will be encouraged to set personal targets to work on over the half term. There will also be a focus on money and jobs- children will be taught about where money comes from, that it is important to save and that money can be used to help others- this will include discussing a range of charity work. We will also focus on relationships with friends and family. Children will also learn about more sensitive issues such as growing, changing and personal hygiene.	
Topic	The topic this term is 'Toys and Games'. History: Children will be taught to use a range of sources, including questionnaires and artefacts, to find out about toys and games in the past. They will be encouraged to ask parents, grandparents or other members of their families about their childhood experiences. They will compare the characteristics of old and new objects and be able to say how and why they are similar or different. Geography: Children will be using maps to study their local area as well as looking at a world map to locate the continents.	
Design & Technology	Children will design and make a roly poly toy. They will design and make a simple push along toy using a mixture of materials, paper and card. The toy will provide amusement in both its appearance and the way it moves. Children will also be making biscuits using Fairtrade ingredients.	
P.E.	In PE, the focus will be on improving fitness. Children will be circuit training and using equipment such as hoops, bean bags and balls to develop their hand-eye coordination, balance and strength. Year 2 PE: Monday/Friday.	
R.E.	The topic for RE is 'Christians and the Church'. Children will be encouraged to understand why Christians go to church and find out what they do when they go there. Key features of a Christian church will be explained. They will have the opportunity to ask relevant questions to a visiting Christian leader. We will also visit St Albans Cathedral to find out about the Easter Story.	
Music	Music this term will be largely linked with our toys topic. Children will learn to sing in two parts and also compose their own musical pieces based on their toys. They will also use claves to experiment with rhythm and beat.	
Homework	Children are expected to read at home with an adult on a daily basis and a note of this put in their reading records. Children will have weekly Maths homework and fortnightly Show and Tell.	
Useful Websites	www.phonicsplay.co.uk - phonics games. www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk - many games addressing aspects of KS1 English and Maths. www.crickweb.co.uk - toys activities.	
Dates	Tuesday January 8 th - School begins Wednesday January 9 th - History Off the Page Day Monday 28 th January - Storytelling Week Tuesday 5 th February - Safer Internet Day Tuesday 12 th February - 3.30-6.30pm Parent Consultation Evenings Thursday 14 th February - 4.30-7.30pm Parent Consultation Evenings Monday 18 th February - Half -term Week	Monday 4 th March - Fairtrade Week Wednesday 6 th March - Holly Class Assembly Thursday 7 th March - World Book Day Wednesday 13 th March - Hawthorn Class Assembly Thursday 14 th March - St Albans Cathedral Trip Thursday 4 th April - House Talent Shows Friday 5 th April - School finishes 2pm