



Nayland Primary School

Spring Term 1

This half term in Woodpeckers our theme is 'Inventors and their Inventions!'

This term we'll be gearing up for an exciting topic all about **Inventors and their inventions**, exploring brilliant ideas from the past and discovering how they spark learning across all areas of the curriculum. From problem-solving to creativity, we'll be engineering lots of hands-on fun along the way! Don't forget to check the app regularly to keep up to date with all our invention-ally amazing learning and classroom adventures.

Maths	This term, children will build on their understanding of place value within 20, learning to read, write, and compare numbers, and represent them using practical equipment. They will also develop their skills in addition and subtraction, using number lines, tens frames, and other concrete resources to solve problems and explain their thinking.
English	We will be continuing on our Curious Quest, where through imaginative prompts, the Curious Quest will continue to support creativity as we grow into independent writers. We will write sentences to accompany drawings, using correct sentence structure and applying phonics knowledge, to segment and spell words more confidently.
Science <u>Everyday Materials</u>	Woodpeckers will get stuck into some seriously practical science! They'll identify, name and sort materials, learning about their properties. They'll distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made, and apply their reasoning as they compare everyday materials according to the properties they identify through scientific exploration.
History	We are travelling back in time to look at transport then and now. We will explore the history of transport from the earliest canoes to the latest space missions! We will explore how inventions such as trains and motor cars transformed how people got around, and what impact this had on the world.
Design and Technology	We will be looking at and testing different inventions from the past, closely linked with our History learning. We will explore historic engines / mechanisms that make things move. Design and make a mode of transport using a simple 'stored energy' (rubber-band) mechanism.
PE	In PE the games sessions will be based around striking and fielding and invasion games and
French	Woodpeckers continue to be introduced to the basic understanding of the French language, looking at greetings, introducing ourselves, numbers, colours and our family.
Computing <u>iSafe</u>	We will explore key aspects of eSafety, supporting us with safe technology use and online behaviour.
PSHE / No outsiders & RSE	We will be looking at school routines and friendships and will also have No Outsiders day themes. In RSE we will be looking at the question around the Islamic faith 'How do some Muslims show Allah is compassionate and merciful?'
Music	We continue our journey learning the Recorder, developing rhythm, coordination, and early notation skills. We will also look at singing and performing as a choir.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Please remember to label all your child's clothing with their name.
- Ensure your child's PE kit is in school and is weather appropriate for lessons outside.
- Please do not send your child into school wearing jewellery. Small stud earrings can be worn but must be removed for PE.
- Don't forget to send your child into school with a water bottle, and a warm coat.

USEFUL WEBSITES

- Google Earth
- Phonics Play
<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk>
- Topmarks
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>

DATES TO REMEMBER

- PE will be on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
- Library day is Wednesday.
- Book change day is highlighted on the first page in your child's Reading Records.
- 13th January—No Outsiders Day
- 26th January—Book Fair Week
- 5th & 6th February—Look and Share
- 6th February—Interim Reports
- 9th February—Winter Olympics Week
- 10th February—Online Safety Day
- 13th February—Break the rules day
- 16th—20th February—Half Term

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