



Autumn Term 1

This half term in Woodpeckers our theme is... 'Home Sweet Home'

A warm welcome to all our children and families as we begin an exciting Year 1 adventure together! This half term, we will start our journey close to home, exploring where we live, the different houses around us and the wonderful community we are part of. We can't wait to build friendships, make memories and lay the foundations for a fantastic year together. Remember to keep an eye on the APP each week for updates and news from our Woodpeckers nest!

Maths <u>Number</u>	We will look at place value within 10. We will sort, compare and order numbers, look at understanding one more and one less and comparative language. We will then use these foundations to look at Addition and Subtraction within 10.
English 	We are continuing the Drawing Club journey. We will write simple sentences to accompany their drawings, using correct sentence structure. We revisit and apply phonics knowledge, helping to segment and spell words more confidently. Through imaginative prompts, Drawing Club will continue to support their creativity, language development, and growing independence as writers.
Science <u>Everyday Materials</u>	We will be learning about Everyday Materials . Children will identify and compare common materials such as wood, plastic, glass and metal, and explore why different materials are used for different objects through practical investigations and hands-on learning.
Topic (History & Geography)	We will be exploring Houses and homes in and around our local area . In History, the children will learn about how homes have changed over time and compare houses from the past with those we live in today. They will develop their understanding of the differences between past and present and use simple historical vocabulary to describe change. In Geography, children will investigate our local area, identifying key features of the environment and learning about the human and physical characteristics of where we live. They will use simple maps and fieldwork skills to explore and describe the local community, helping them develop a stronger understanding of their place in the world.
Design and Technology	We will be designing, making and evaluating our own Wacky Windmills . We will explore different materials and structures, learn how to make sails that spin, and develop skills in joining materials and constructing simple models.
PE	In P.E we will be developing our motor skills , taking part in orienteeing activities , and learning a range of playground games . We will improve our coordination, balance and teamwork skills while building confidence, following instructions and enjoying active play.
Computing <u>iWrite</u>	We will learn how to use a computer to create simple pieces of writing. Children will practise typing words and sentences, helping develop confidence in using technology purposefully.
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 learning about Christianity and belonging. We will look at answering the question "Why is belonging to God and the Church family important to Christians?"
Music	We will use voices, body percussion and instruments to create and respond to sounds, explore pitch and rhythm, and use music to tell stories and express ideas. Through singing, listening and performing, we will develop confidence and creativity while building key musical skills.

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, already applied suncream and with a summer hat.

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 **Monday, Tuesday and Thursday**.
- Library day is **Monday**.
- Book change day is highlighted on the first page in your child's Reading Records.
- **Friday 11th September Keys to Success Meetings at 9:15 & 2:45**
- **Flu Vaccinations 18th September**
- **PD Days 9th and 12th October**
- **16th October Individual Photos**
- **Look and Share 21st October 3:30-4:00 and 22nd October 8:30-9:00**
- **Half term is week beginning 26th—30th October**

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