

YEAR 3 Woodpeckers NEWSLETTER January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all and thank you very much for the lovely Christmas cards, wishes and gifts, they are really appreciated.

The children have been working really well and are making excellent progress. Thank you for your support with all of the lovely experiences and opportunities the children have at our school as well as reading and homework. Although this term is a short one, we will be very busy enjoying our learning!

Here is a summary of the areas we will cover over the next term:

Literacy/Creative Curriculum

This term we will be making links between literacy through our topic '**The Rainforest.**' The children are already very excited about this topic and have been creating enormous, bright green leaves to display in our (almost life-size) Amazon rainforest!

During Literacy sessions, we will be looking at adventure stories; we will continue to develop children's creative writing skills by introducing vocabulary that is more exciting and some 'tricky' punctuation too.

Spellings will to be given out on a Friday and a quiz will take place on the following Friday morning.

Our children have lots of opportunities to read in the classroom each day. So many of you are encouraging your child to read fiction and non-fiction books of their choice at home - thank you very much, this really helps. Please ask your son/daughter questions about the book that they are reading, this supports the work that we do in school to develop more advanced comprehension skills.

Mathematics

In mathematics this term, we will be concentrating on fractions, multiplication, division and measuring. Alongside this, we will continue to get even better at our times tables - any help at home will be gratefully received.

Computing

During our Filmit week the children will work in small groups to write, produce and edit short films linked to protecting the Amazon Rainforest. The children will also continue to develop their computer programming skills.

Art/Design Technology

Our children will have opportunities to use their artistic skills and a wide range of techniques and materials. They will produce a variety of pictures, models and other art forms related to our Rainforest topic. We will be designing and creating our very own rainforest as well as exploring shades of green using a range of paints.

Music

The children will continue to learn how to play a brass instrument. They will learn about pitch, rhythm and pulse. They really enjoy these sessions and are becoming fantastic at reading music. Please make sure your child has their instrument in school on a Thursday morning. We are already enjoying our brand new music scheme Charanga. This half term we are learning all about the features of the classic Bob Marley song, 'Don't Worry....' It's sounding great.

PE

The focus for this half term is basketball; the children will develop their ball skills as well as the skills needed to play as part of a team.

Outdoor PE takes place on a Friday morning. PLEASE SEND YOUR CHILD WITH WARM OUTDOOR KIT. Thank you.

They will also continue to have dance sessions with Mrs Porter on Tuesdays.

Homework

The children will be given homework on a Friday and this should be brought back to school by the following Thursday please. Homework will consist of spellings and a piece of Maths work. Please encourage your son/daughter to bring their book bag to school EVERY day.

Important dates for your diaries:

Parents' Evening - Monday 5th February at 3.30pm onwards

Our Class Assembly - Thursday 1st March at 2.45pm

Please feel free to share concerns and successes with me at any time.

Many thanks

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Class Teacher

Miss Laura Hayward

Cover Supervisor