

**Year R/1/2 Curriculum
Newsletter
Autumn Term 1, Sep 2021**



Dear Parents and Carers,

Please look through some activities Woodpeckers will cover this term as we open the doors to the new academic year!

English:

This term, the children will look at 'Dogger' by Shirley Hughes. Previously learned skills will be reviewed and children will develop their sequencing and descriptive writing abilities. There will be a focus on the technical skills involved with writing (clear letter formation, producing sentences with finger spacing and punctuation, etc) Spelling and grammar skills across the curriculum will be developed, and children will develop their confidence to use their phonic knowledge with independence.

Maths:

We will begin by exploring place value using numbers up to 100. Year R will be exploring making numbers using a range of manipulatives including Numicon. Once secure, children will use their knowledge for addition and subtraction, including with money.

Science

This term the children will be learning about the seasonal changes. By the end of the topic, we will know about the changes across the four seasons. We will also know and be able to describe the weather associated with the seasons and how the day length varies.

Theme:

'Theme' sessions incorporate the stand-alone subjects of Art, DT, Music, History and Geography and this term, the focus is Geography with '**My Home**'. Children will explore where their home is in relation to the 4 UK countries and the wider world. We will also look at capital cities, the 7 continents (and oceans). They will describe where they live using geographical terms, and think about different uses of buildings and land.

PE & Games:

PE this term is on Mondays and will be basic skills. Children should come into school in their PE kits. PE is taught by Miss Griggs alongside Woodpeckers staff.

RE:

Our big question is '**What do Christians believe God is like?**'

We will be able to identify what a parable is and tell the story of the Lost Son from the Bible. We will then be able to say what this story means to Christians and give two examples of how Christians show forgiveness.

Computing:

This term, the children will customise their Avatar, save and retrieve work, become proficient at logging in/ logging out a platform.

Phonics:

This is taught in groups according to current knowledge. Year R will use short practical activities to develop knowledge.

If you have any questions at all, please drop in and ask!

**Kind regards,
Miss Lowe**

Woodlands: Children will also take part in weekly woodlands lessons, which will be on Thursdays. Please send in wellies and waterproofs for these activities, which should stay in school. Please ensure all uniform is named.