

**Year R/1/2 Curriculum
Newsletter
Autumn Term 2, 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 the story 'Rumpelstiltskin'. Children will then move on to writing their own version of a traditional tale. 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 continue to develop their confidence to use their phonic knowledge with independence.

Maths:

We will continue to explore place value using numbers up to 100. Year R will be continuing to explore 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 our science topic is 'Animals including Humans'. By the end of this topic we will be able to discuss and identify a variety of different animals and their animal groups. We will also discuss which animals are omnivores, carnivores and herbivores. We will share our findings in an information text.

Theme:

Our theme this term is 'Thomas Becket'. We will be discovering the life and death of Thomas and Becket and discuss what impact he had on people at the time. We will be sharing our research in the form of a diary extract.

PE & Games:

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

RE:

Our big question is '**Why does Christmas matter to Christians?**' We will learn about the story of Jesus' birth and how Christians celebrate it. We will also discuss that Jesus came to bring Good News. We will also learn that Advent for Christians is a time of getting ready for Jesus' coming.

Computing:

This term our topic is 'Effective Searching'. We will learn about key internet vocab and how to purposefully use a web search engine.

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.