

Year 1 Curriculum
Newsletter
Autumn Term 1, Sep 2023



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, we will be looking at a variety of stories and clips with the focus on 'familiar settings'. 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 be sorting and counting objects as well as counting objects from larger groups. We will be working on recognising numbers as words and counting on from any number. We will be finding 1 more and 1 less of any given number as well as comparing different numbers.

Science

This term we will be looking at seasonal change and what happens to the world around us during these changes.

Theme:

This term our theme is 'Marvellous Me in the Rainforest'. We will be learning all about ourselves and what makes us unique. We will also be looking at the Amazon rainforest and what it would be like to visit there as well as identify the continent it is in. We will focus on the animals in the rainforest and what it might mean for them if their trees are chopped down.

PE & Games:

PE this term is on **Tuesday** and will be basic skills. Children should bring a labelled PE kit to keep in school all term. PE is taught by Miss Rye 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. We will be continuing our new scheme 'Rocket Phonics'.

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 **Friday**. Please send in wellies and waterproofs for these activities, which should stay in school. Please ensure all uniform is named.