

Year 1 Curriculum
Newsletter
Autumn Term 1, Nov 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,
Please look through some activities Woodpeckers will cover this term as we count down to Christmas!

English:

This term, we will be looking at a variety of stories and clips with the big focus on letter writing. We first will be discussing who writes letters and when might we receive them. We will be reading 'The Jolly Postman' and reading the variety of different letters that he posts. We will then have a go at writing a variety of different letters to many different people over the term.

Maths:

We will have a big focus on our number bonds to 10 this term to increase our recall of these facts. If you have a spare moment at home, practise these bonds with your child (e.g. $1+9=10$, $2+8=10$ etc.) We then will move on to comparing amounts and using a variety of different measurements.

Science

This term we will be looking at 'Animals including Humans' where we will be learning to identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which parts of the body is associated with each sense.

Theme:

This term our theme is 'People who help us'. We will have a focus question each week to discover all of the wonderful people who help us every day. Our questions are 'who helps us at home?', 'Who helps us at school?', 'Who helps keep us healthy?', 'Who helps keep us safe?' and 'Who helps us get our food?'. We hopefully will be having lots of visitors and experiences over this term to support our topic. When looking at who keeps us healthy, we will be looking back in history and learning about the amazing work of Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell during the Crimean War and WWI.

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 '**Why does Christmas matter to Christians?**'. We will be revisiting the story of Jesus' birth and how Christians celebrate it. We will be discussing why we think Christmas is important to Christians and what they believe happened.

Computing:

This term, we will be looking at different algorithms and the importance for precise demands and instructions.

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