



Woodpecker Class Newsletter Spring Term 2024

Happy New Year from Woodpecker Class!

Happy New Year to you all. We look forward to an amazing year ahead.

In Woodpecker Class our teacher is Miss Lappage, supported by Mrs Jackson, Miss O'Connell and Miss Tyler.

There is an opportunity for parents to attend our communication workshop on Thursday 18th January. It would be great to see you all again.



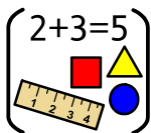
Phonics & Reading

In phonics we are focussing on learning the level 2 phonemes and graphemes. Some of us are learning the 'tricky words' of 'in', 'to', 'no', 'go'. We do daily phonics which helps the children consolidate their knowledge.



English including Communication

In English we are developing our personalised language targets from speech & language. We are also using the Wellcomm language tool. We will making marks to represent our name and will be working on our fine motor skills for pre writing.



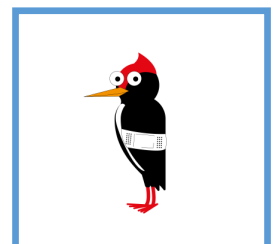
Maths

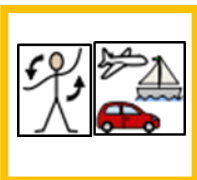
In Maths, we are continuing to develop our number and place value skills. We are practising our counting and number language. We are looking at money, and hope to make simple transactions.



Jigsaw

In PSHE we are learning about challenges and how to cope with them. We will be taking part in puzzles, fine motor activities and will be learning to persevere when we find tasks a challenge!





Our topic is 'Let's move!'

During our topic this term we will be exploring different types of transport. To enrich our learning we will be exploring stories such as 'We're going on a bear hunt', 'The train ride' and 'The way home from grandpa's'.

	<p>Science In Science we are learning about space, planets, forces and sound.</p>
	<p>Humanities In humanities we are looking at significant people in History such as Neil Armstrong. We are also looking into changes in transport over time.</p>
	<p>Computing In computing we are learning to use simple computer programmes to select tools and create digital content. Some of us are learning to use a mouse!</p>
	<p>Art & Music In music we are starting to explore loud and quite sounds using body, percussion and instruments. We are exploring colour mixing in art and designing vehicles.</p>
	<p>RE In RE we are exploring various festivals such as Burns night, Shrove Tuesday and Easter.</p>
	<p>PE In PE we are learning to control and increase our ability with ball skills. We are learning to catch, throw and kick different types of balls.</p>
	<p>Life Skills In life skills, we are taking part in imaginative play. We will be dressing up as different characters.</p>
	<p>British Values (Personal Development) including planned trips We aim to visit a park in our local area. We hope to get to see and travel on different types of transport.</p>
	<p>Home Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading Eggs/Maths Seeds. • www.topmarks.co.uk This contains a variety of games covering different curriculum areas. • Read stories with you child. Encourage your children to point to objects/ characters in the pictures and answer simple who, what and where questions. Retell the story pretending to be different characters. • Listen to and sing counting songs - encourage your child to rote count forwards and backwards. Play games to identify and name digits.
	<p>Our class email is: woodpecker@woodsetton.dudley.sch.uk The school email is: info@woodsetton.dudley.sch.uk Please use the home/school book to inform us of any important information. Please call the school office if you any need any support. 01384 818265</p>
<p>Thankyou for your ongoing support .</p>	