



Woodpecker Class

Newsletter

Autumn Term 2024

Welcome

Welcome to the new school year. The children have settled well into Woodpecker class.

In Woodpecker Class our teacher is Miss Lappage, supported by three classroom assistants.

There will be an opportunity to visit our classroom and explore our learning environment on Friday 27th September, during our whole school MacMillan coffee morning.



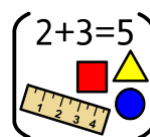
Phonics & Reading

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. We listen to songs and learn the actions of each sound using our 'Twinkl phonics' scheme of learning.



English including Communication

In English we are developing our personalised language targets from speech & language. We are also using the Wellcomm language tool to support our everyday communication. We learn weekly Makaton signs to help us communicate our wants and needs. In English we will be learning to write our name and will take part in mark making activities to represent what we see.



Maths

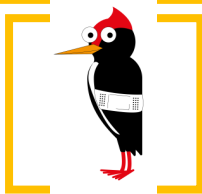
In Maths we will be learning the value of numbers and their visual representations. We will be practising our counting skills by using 1:1 correspondence. Woodpecker class will be developing their understanding of



Jigsaw

In our PSHE lessons we will be learning about ourselves and our wider community. We will look at our class and learn about working with others in a positive way.





This term our topic is 'A Toy Story'

During our topic we will look at different types of toys and identify their features. We will identify our likes and dislikes. Some of our books and stories are: 'Ten in a bed', 'Harry and a bucket full of dinosaurs' and 'The Nutcracker'.

	<p>Science</p> <p>In science we will be looking at different materials and their properties. We will identify materials and explore their properties through practical exploration.</p>
	<p>Humanities</p> <p>In humanities we will identify and recognise familiar places in our environment. We will go on a school tour to familiarise ourselves with important places.</p>
	<p>Computing</p> <p>In computing we will learn to use digital devices to take a photo and follow simple instructions. We will explore programmable toys by giving simple instructions.</p>
	<p>Art & Music</p> <p>In Art we will be painting self portraits and pictures of our favourite toys. In Music we will be using beaters to make our own sounds on various instruments.</p>
	<p>RE</p> <p>In RE we will be identifying special people such as our family and friends. We will listen to the Christmas Story and learn songs for the Christmas production.</p>
	<p>PE</p> <p>We will be focussing on movement in PE and learning different actions such as skipping, jumping and stomping. We will use the adventure playground to clime onto apparatus.</p>
	<p>Life Skills</p> <p>In life skills we will be looking at kind hands and kind feet in relation to personal space.</p>
	<p>British Values (Personal Development) including planned trips</p> <p>We will be visiting the Sycamore Adventure centre to develop our physical gross motor skills and learning which clothes to wear during the colder weather!</p>
	<p>Home Learning</p> <p>In addition to reading with your child, pupils can also access personalised learning through the Maths Seeds and Reading Eggs learning platforms, using their own unique login details.</p>
	<p>Our class email is: woodpeckers@woodsetton.dudley.sch.uk</p> <p>The school email is: info@woodsetton.dudley.sch.uk</p> <p>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>