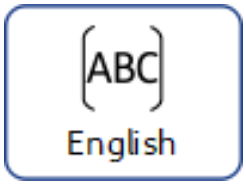
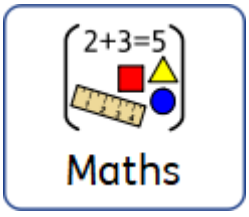
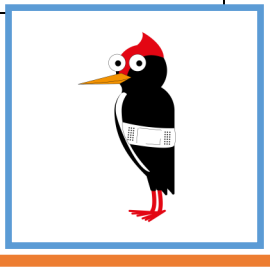
Woodpecker Class
Newsletter
Autumn Term 2026

Welcome to Woodpecker Class!

Welcome to the new school year. The children have settled well into Woodpecker class. In Woodpecker Class our teacher is Mrs Fox, supported by Miss Tolley, Mrs Fellows and Miss Arnold. There will be an opportunity to visit our classroom and explore our learning environment on Friday 25th September, during our whole school MacMillan coffee afternoon. Our children are mixed Year 1, 2 and 3 and follow a KS1 adapted curriculum.

	Phonics & Reading - The children will be developing their phonic skills to support their reading, decoding words and becoming fluent, to then be able to read for meaning and enjoyment. Both phonics and reading have a designated place on the timetable where the children are encouraged to engage in a range of activities and books. We have a class story each week with symbols and multisensory elements.
	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 preposition such as 'on', 'in, 'under' and 'next to'. The children will be working on numbers in their number range and beyond using practical and pictorial resources.
	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. The children are supported with Aided Language displays during each lesson.
	In science we will be looking at different materials and their properties. We will identify materials and explore their properties through practical exploration. The children will learn to use and understand scientific language with support of visual aids (aided language displays) and key vocabulary mats. An example of this is 'bigger' and 'smaller'.





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', 'Stanley's toybox' and 'The blue balloon".

History	In History we will be looking at old and new toys. The children will explore the real life objects and photographs of 'old' and 'new'.
Geography	In Geography we will identify and recognise familiar places in our environment. We will go on a school tour to familiarise ourselves with important places.
PSHE	Our PSHE topic will be 'Being me in my world' following the Jigsaw adapted curriculum. The children will learn about who can help them and to identify emotions. At Woodsetton pupils will be using 'Zones of regulation' for understanding and recognising emotions.
Art	In Art the children will be learning to use a range of media such as paint and collage materials. We will be naming colours through colour mixing.
Music	In Music we will be having weekly sessions with Dudley Performing Arts that include music and movement. We will also be exploring different instruments to follow a simple beat.
Computing	In Computing lessons we will be developing our understanding of how to use a range of electronical devices for a purpose. We will explore programmable toys by giving simple instructions.
RE	Our RE topic is 'What makes people special?'. The children will be looking at people who are important to them and how they help. The children will look at some religious stories through multisensory elements.
PE	In PE, we will be learning to throw and catch an object. We will also be practising getting dressed and undressed for our independence. Our PE days are Wednesdays and Thursdays.
Life Skills	Our life skills topic is all about 'personal space' and 'appropriate touch'. We will be looking at the class rules in terms of kind hands and kind feet.