



# Woodpecker Class Newsletter

## Autumn 1 2018



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Woodpecker Class! We hope you all had a lovely and relaxing summer break. The Woodpecker team are really excited to be working with your child and are looking forward to the year ahead.

We would like to share with you some of the activities happening in Woodpeckers this half term.

### Woodpecker Class topic

Our topic this half term is 'Eco Warriors' (environment). Throughout this topic we will cover:

- Animals and their habitat.
- Our local environment and comparing it to other environments.
- Looking at the impact humans can have on the world and ways we can limit this.

To continue with these topics at home you could try the following:

- Looking at how we recycle in our own homes.
- Talking about or visiting different types of environments (e.g. Q.E Park or Stauton Park) when you are out and about - is it a built up area? Or a wood? Or the countryside?
- Using the Internet to research renewable energy.



### Reminder

Please remember to send in your child's home school link books and reading books. Reading three times a week at home will help the children achieve their reading prizes.

Please also remember to send in hats and sun cream as the weather is meant to get hot again!

### Woodpecker Class staff

The teacher this term in Woodpeckers is Miss Lydia Sole. Other staff supporting Woodpeckers are; Mrs Lesley Stevens, Mrs Maggie Evans, Mrs Jo Taylor and Mrs Debbie Stewart. Mrs Wendy Pearce will be with Woodpeckers on Wednesdays and covering Miss Sole's planning time every other Thursday. We are all very excited to be working in Woodpeckers!

### Maths

In Maths this term addition and subtraction will be our focus during our number lessons. Our topic lessons will focus on measurements, including length, weight and capacity.

### Important dates

Here are some important school dates coming up to let you know about:

- Friday 21st September - INSET day

### English

In English this term we will be thinking about reports. We will use information texts to research about environments, as well as going on trips and using our own knowledge. We will be looking at different formats of reports from newspaper reports to television reports such as Newsround, which the children will watch every day when they are eating their snack.

### PE

We have PE every Friday. If you have not already, please could you send your child in with an appropriate named t-shirt, shorts, plimsolls or trainers and possibly some track suit bottoms when it begins to get colder.