



Woodpecker Class Newsletter

Spring 1 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year and a big welcome back to Woodpecker Class. It sounds like you all had fun filled Christmas holiday! The Woodpecker team are very pleased to be working with your child again this half term. We would like to share with you some of the things that will be happening in Woodpecker Class over the next 5 weeks in Spring 1.



Woodpecker Class topic



Our topic this half term is 'Vikings'. Throughout this topic we will cover:

- ✚ Who the Vikings were and where they came from;
- ✚ How and why they travelled to new places;
- ✚ Where they settled and why;
- ✚ Viking Gods and beliefs.

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

- ✚ Looking at maps and talking about how the Vikings travelled over the sea.
- ✚ Talking about our own journeys and how we find our way.
- ✚ Thinking about our own traditions and beliefs and talking about how cultures differ.

Reminder



Please remember to send in your child's blue home school link books and yellow reading logs. Reading at home will help the children achieve reading prizes.

Please also ensure that all school clothing is clearly named to avoid any losses. Thank you.

English



In English this term we will be learning how to write play scripts, with our main writing lesson on a Friday. We will be thinking about their purpose and how to perform plays using different characters and voices. We will continue to learn phonics on Mondays, Social Skills on Tuesdays, Reading Comprehension on Wednesdays and Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar on Thursdays.



Important dates



Arts Week - 5th - 8th February

End of Term - 8th February

Inset - 9th February

Maths



In Maths this term our focus in Number will include subtraction, odd and even numbers, rounding and money. Our topic lessons will focus on 2D shape, including properties, patterns and symmetry.

Staffing

Woodpecker Class would like to welcome Mr Carwyn Taylor to the team. He will be working in Woodpecker Class full time. Mrs Pearce will now only be in Woodpecker Class every Monday and every other Tuesday.

PE



We have PE in Woodpecker Class every Monday morning. 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. We will also be swimming every Friday afternoon this term so please send your child in with a towel and either a swimsuit or swimming trunks. Goggles are allowed but these must not cover the nose. The cost for the term is £5.