



Woodpecker

Newsletter Term 2



Stories

Welcome Back to the new term! The topic for this term in Woodpecker Class is 'Stories'.

This unit focuses on different types of narrative and is based on the children's novels called The Land of Stories by Chris Colfer. We will find out about stories from around the world in Geography, which will help us to use our map skills, and stories written in the past in History, which will include war stories and a Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens. In RE we will be learning about the biblical Christmas story and our Art and DT will be about designing a land of stories. Our Science unit this term is 'Light'. This term we will also be rehearsing for the KS2 Christmas play and participating in a range of Christmas themed learning opportunities.

English

The English skills we will be focusing on this term will be rehearsed in all of our writing. During lessons we will be practising using our drafting and editing skills, and learning to use paragraphs and inverted commas for speech. We will be applying these skills to our story writing in particular. We will also be learning to write and perform poetry in different ways. In spelling, we will be learning about adding prefixes to words and using alternative spellings. We will also continue to focus on our presentation and handwriting, and will be working hard to join all of our writing.

Spellings for the term have been sent home and will be displayed on the website. Children will be tested on these words on Fridays. Please take a few minutes each evening to practise these.

PE

Woodpecker PE lessons this term are on Monday and Thursday (swimming) mornings.

Things to have in school

Please send your child with a water bottle- it is shown that water and being hydrated can help concentration!!

Please make sure your child has a named jumper and PE kit, and a waterproof warm coat with them each day.

We visit the school library each Monday where the children are able to choose their own book. Please return these the following week so they can take new books home. Reading Rebel books are changed in school on Mondays and Fridays. Please spend some time sharing these with your children. We are focusing on understanding the text!

Brain Builders

Brain Builders are changing! Please come along to our Parent session on Thursday 3rd November to find out more. Brain Builders support the learning in class and there is also the expectation that Brain Builders are completed to a high standard.

Maths

This term in Maths we will be focusing on addition and subtraction skills. This will include mental and written methods. We will also be learning about shape and measuring length when we make our Christmas decorations. We will be applying all of our learning to solving a range of problems throughout the term.

During our mental maths sessions, we take daily short speed tests, each comprising of ten questions that rehearse key skills. We will also be focusing on counting in 2's, 3's, 4's, 5's and 10's and learning our times tables. Every Friday morning, we will have a times table test. You can help your child by regularly practising their times tables with them. Pupils in Year 3 need to be able to recite and have quick recall of their times tables up to 8x12 by the end of the year.

KS2 Christmas Play

Thursday 15th December 1:30-3:00pm and 5:00-6:30pm – Details to follow

Support

If you would like any support and guidance to support your child's learning, please feel free to come and speak to either Mrs McFadden or Miss Catt.