

## Woodpecker

Information  
for parents

Term 2  
Autumn 2023



### Class Teacher and TAs

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### Regular events:

**Monday:** PE & Gong Therapy  
**Tuesday:** Music  
**Wednesday:** Community Based Learning  
**Thursday:** PE Enrichment  
**Friday:** Food Technology

### General Information

Welcome back to Woodpecker Class for Term 2! Term 1 was a huge success where we investigated Growing and Changing throughout the curriculum and produced some amazing pieces of work. This term our topic is Lights, Camera, Action. We can not wait to get started!

### Homework and contact

Thank you for using the Home/School Journals. Please do continue to let us know if you have any questions or concerns. Please read/share a book with your child every night, using the reading record to support this. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate named clothing for activities we are doing such as PE kit, coats and jumpers.

## English:

In English pupils will be developing their writing skills through a range of different genre. E.g. Story writing, recounts and instructions.

We will practice our spelling and grammar weekly.

Pupils will be improving their phonic skills through Little Wandle Letters and Sounds.

Our daily reading sessions will include a range of tasks E.g. Guided reading, written comprehension, independent reading and spelling/grammar skills.

We will be following a number of texts which link to our topic; Lights, Camera, Action.

## Maths:

Pupils will be following the Numicon maths scheme at their own level supporting their subtraction and addition as well as developing their understanding of 2D & 3D shapes.



## History:

Pupils will be exploring history through then and now activities and researching how different things have adapted and changed over time.



## Science:

Pupils will be learning about the changing seasons, as well as light and dark and the differences between the two.

### Art/DT:

This will link to our science topic which will have us making kaleidoscopes and lightboxes. As well as a focus on Vincent Van Gogh's Starry Night.

## Computing

In computing lessons the pupils will be developing their understanding of different digital devices and how they are linked to input and output processes.

This has continued from Term 1.

## Life Skills:

This term we are developing our self help skills around creating a balanced packed lunch. So, this will include sandwiches and toasties.



## PSHE (Personal, social and health education):

In PHSE, the pupils will be focusing on identifying qualities in themselves and key events in their own lives. We will be following a scheme called PELICAN- promoting emotional literacy in Children with additional needs.

## Physical Education:

Woodpecker Class will be completing a range of gymnastic skills including jumps and rolls.

On our PE Enrichment afternoon we will continue with rambling.



## Religious Education:

In RE the pupils will be learning about religious festivals across different faiths.



## Community Based Learning

Pupils will have the opportunity to take part in different community projects this term. We will also complete shopping trips to local supermarkets to make sure we are prepared in class for Food Technology lessons, budgeting and using money effectively. Plus a real focus on road safety and stranger danger.

## Careers

On Mondays, the pupils will be researching different jobs and careers. They will be looking at community helpers and the skills needed for these roles.

