

Class: Woodpecker

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We ask for £10 contribution each term for healthy snacks, ingredients and resources, which are integral to our important communication work.

Equally you are welcome to send your child's healthy morning snack in every day/weekly.

All contributions are greatly appreciated.



Communication / SEMH

Communication is vitally important to develop all aspects of learning. We will be working on it during stand alone lessons as well as during day to day activities such as snack sessions, outdoor learning and on educational visits.

We know everyone is different and we work with each pupil in different ways to help meet their needs.



Physical / Sensory

In PE, Woodpecker will be focussing on dance where we will be developing movement skills and interpretation.

We will be continuing to develop fine motor skills using fun activities such as using pegs to collect objects and putting them in small holes or down tubes. Splash sessions in the pool will help to develop gross motor skills and water confidence.

Dressing skills is an important life skills and will be practised whenever possible.

Literacy

We encourage looking at texts and reading for pleasure as much as possible. It helps develop key skills as well as being an opportunity to relax. Woodpecker will share sensory stories in class such as 'Little chick's big adventure' by Richard Fowler. We will use the school library and have various books available including tactile and big books. If your child has a favourite book or item they like reading, let us know!



Maths

We will develop counting and number skills through play and in real life situations. We will use different opportunities both inside and out to develop skills.



Science / The Arts

In art we will be exploring and using paint to create pictures and patterns, sometimes using historical moments to focus on. We will also be developing and practising drawing skills. We will explore and learn about forces in science, you can encourage your child to join in and explore items at home that involve pushing and pulling.



Humanities

We will be developing locational and place knowledge in geography, a large part of this will be done on educational visits to the local area.



In history we will use art to look at national events beyond living memory such as Bonfire night.

Equipment Needed



Monday – PE kit

Friday – Swimming kit, including a towel and swimming pads if needed.

We ask your child to bring a **coat, wellies and waterproof trousers** to stay in school. Please ensure all items are labelled. We also recommend a spare set of clothes to stay in school in case of accidents or messy play.

Home Learning

Autumn is a great time of year to encourage pupils to look at nature whilst learning about lots of other things.



For maths you could count conkers, science you could string autumn objects and pull them or explore gravity by throwing leaves in the air!

Key Dates:

7th September— Meet the team
October— Black History Month
21st October—Break for half term
1st November— Return to school
2nd November—Parents evening
4th/7th November—School photographs
2nd December— Everyone is special day
9th December—Christmas jumper day
19th December—Christmas party day
20th December—Break for end of term