

Class: Woodpecker

Team: Sam, Jayne, Becky, Lauren

Date: Spring Term



We ask for £10 contribution each term for healthy snacks and resources which are integral to our important communication and PSED work. Equally you are welcome to send your child's healthy afternoon snack in every day/weekly in your child's bag. All donations to class fund are greatly appreciated.

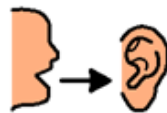


Communication / SEMH

We will continue to prioritise communication and language development through everything we do in Woodpecker Class through a total communication approach. We have time dedicated to communication sessions and consistently implement opportunities throughout the day.

Children also enjoy an 'Attention Games' session each day. It is highly successful in developing language, listening, shared attention, switching attention and turn taking.

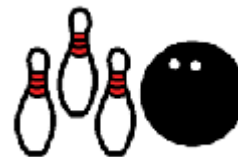
For PSHE, Woodpecker Class will be learning about 'relationships' - we will look at family, friends and staff at school.



Physical/Sensory

In PE this term, Woodpecker's will be focusing on 'Games'. We will be exploring different ball games such as bowling and boccia. We will be experimenting with different methods to throw a ball, such as underarm, overarm and practicing aiming for a target to work on our hand eye coordination skills.

We now have PE on a Tuesday—if possible, please send your child in with a PE kit on this day.



Literacy

Our focus for the Spring term is playscripts and autobiographies. Woodpeckers will have the opportunity to explore real people and their stories through reading autobiographies, before eventually making their own. We will also be studying playscripts of different stories and fairy tales.

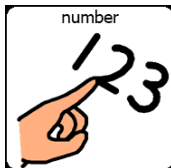
Children will also be practicing their handwriting and working on their fine motor skills in a range of multisensory, exciting activities. Pupils will also focus on their personalised reading and writing targets.



Maths

We will continue to focus on number work each week to consolidate and develop these vital fundamental mathematical skills, each child will have their own specific targets to achieve whilst participating in a number of practical and engaging tasks.

Similar to the Autumn term, Woodpecker class will be learning about the properties of shapes and measurement (length/weight). We will continue to develop and understanding of mathematical concepts and language using visual, verbal and physical support.



Science

Our science focus this term is 'Rocks'. Woodpecker class will be using their scientific and investigative skills to learn about different rocks, such as organising them based on their features such as size, type of rock and how they feel.

We will also be looking at fossils and learning about how old they are, where we can find them and how they feel. There also may be a chance to make some of our own!

There will also be opportunities for creative opportunities on our Science lessons too, as we have sessions doing 'Rock art' - painting them with our own colours and intricate designs.



The Arts

For Art this Spring term, we have our in house artist Rachel Addis taking the Art session in Woodpecker. We will be exploring a wide variety of sensory material and being creative with numerous resources.

Music is also taught discretely. This term the focus are 'Textiles' for Art and 'Painting with Sound' for Music.

In R.E, we will be focusing on 'Special and Sacred times'. In this, we will be learning about birthdays and different religious occasions for our children, as well as how we can celebrate them.



Equipment needed

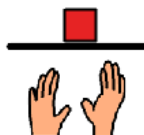
We will be accessing our outdoor spaces every day so it is important to have appropriate clothing and footwear. It is also important to say that we have lots of fun in Woodpecker class and sometimes things can get a little messy!

We now have PE on a Tuesday and Swimming on a Friday until further notice.

We continue to have Outdoor Learning on a Wednesday morning.

If you have any questions or need any help please email:

Sam Stevens—sstevens@delamere.trafford.sch.uk



Home Learning

The great outdoors is fantastic for wellbeing and provides a wealth of learning and communication opportunities. Lots of local parks have small farms in them—throughout last term, we visited the animal corner at Longford Park and us Woodpeckers loved it!

Also, if you get the opportunity, you can support your child's learning by working on their PLT's in your home environment. The benefits of this on learning and progression are outstanding. If you want any support with this please contact Woodpecker Class teacher—

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Key Dates:

5th-11th February—Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

9th February—Half Term

20th February—Back to School

21st February—Parents Evening

23rd and 26th February—Class Photographs

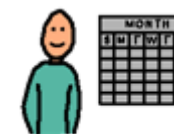
w/b 4th March—Literacy Week

7th March—World Book Day

w/b 25th March—Spring Activities

26th March — Half Term

8th April — Back to School



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