

Woodpecker Class Newsletter – Spring Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a wonderful Christmas. Thank you for all the lovely presents and cards, it was kind of you and I appreciated them very much.

In English this term we will be learning about playscripts, recounts, non-chronological reports, persuasive writing and poetry. The children will read texts linked to this work and their writing will be based on these genres. Children are expected to read at home and this should be recorded in their Reading Diary. It would be helpful if they could read aloud and answer questions on the text, to improve their understanding of more challenging vocabulary.

In Maths we will be learning about decimals and negative numbers and we will continue to work on number, fractions, measurement and data. Please continue to work on multiplication tables – children really benefit by a more instant recall of these as they are used in many parts of the maths curriculum.

Our topic this term is 'Rainforests' where the children will be learning about rainforests around the world. We will be learning about what they are, where they are, what they contain and who lives there!

In Science, the children will be learning about 'Sound', where they will be finding out lots about sound; how it travels, pitch and volume. They will also learn about 'Living things and their habitats' where they will group, identify and name a variety of living things.

Tom will continue to teach P.E. on Wednesday mornings and we will be continuing our 'Daily Mile'. Please ensure that children have a change of footwear and warm gloves and hats as we always try to do this regardless of the weather!

In R.E. the children will be learning about Christianity. Over the term the children will develop a good understanding of Christian rites of passage as well as learning about churches and identifying features within the buildings. Part of our work will reflect on Christian beliefs and values, culminating in the Easter story at the end of the term.

Art lessons will reflect our topic work and in Design and Technology the children will be working with textiles and mouldable materials. In Computing we will be using Word, Publisher and Scratch linked to our topic work.

In Music, we are fortunate to have a chance to learn the ukulele this term, which promises to be very exciting! We are fortunate to have Mrs Green continuing her work with Year 4 in French and this will be a weekly session.

Thank you very much for all your support with homework and spellings. The children will bring home spellings on a Monday for a test on Friday. These spellings build on

other work so it is helpful if you could ensure your child is able to learn these and we will also work on the spelling patterns in class.

I am sure we will have a great Spring term – very busy but with lots of learning and fun! Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything you are concerned about.

Jan Hunter (Class Teacher)