

# Woodpeckers Class Newsletter

## Spring Term 1, 2022

Dear Parents, Guardians and Children

We have made it to the end of our first term, and the end of the year! Woodpeckers have come a long way already, and we are so excited to see what the new year has in store for us. We have seen leaps of progress in all children, both academically and as individuals. They have started coming out of their shells and confidently participating in all the activities we do.

We have had great fun preparing for our Christmas concert. Everyone practised very hard and they have enjoyed singing all the songs together.

Unfortunately, the time has come for our amazing trainee teacher, **Miss Duffield**, to leave us and continue her studies at University. Miss Duffield has been an exceptional trainee teacher and loved by all the children. She planned and taught many exciting lessons and we all had so much fun learning with her. I know Woodpeckers will really miss Miss Duffield, and we wish her the best of **luck** as she begins her career as a teacher in September 2022.

Our new topic for the term is '**Moggerhanger and Around**'. You will find more information about this on the next few pages.

We hope you have a wonderful half term holiday and we wish you a happy new year!

Kind regards

Miss Aktar (Class teacher), Mrs Carter (Learning Support Assistant) and Miss Duffield (Trainee teacher)



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## Curriculum Information

<b>Maths</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Counting, partitioning and calculating money, place value</li><li>• Securing number facts and understanding shape</li><li>• Handling data and measures – time, weight, capacity</li><li>• Times tables</li></ul>
<b>English</b>	We will be writing our own poems, instructions and looking at Beatrix Potter's <i>A Tale of Two Bald Mice</i> . We will have guided reading sessions, comprehension, spellings, grammar, punctuation and daily phonics lessons.
<b>Science</b>	Habitats: Explore and compare the difference between things that are living, dead and things that have never been alive; identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited; identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats; describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals
<b>History</b>	We will be focusing on the local history of Moggerhanger. We will also be studying Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole.



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<b>Geography</b>	We will be carrying out a local area study of Moggerhanger.
<b>Art and D&amp;T</b>	Printing and digital media. Designing and making a house.
<b>Computing</b>	Coding: Scratch Jnr
<b>Music</b>	Using a glockenspiel
<b>RE</b>	Who is a Muslim? What do they believe and how do they live?
<b>PSHE and SMSC</b>	What jobs do people do?
<b>PE</b>	Gymnastics



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### School Uniform

On days that the children do **not** have PE (Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday) they are expected to wear their usual school uniform as follows:

- White or navy polo shirt (school logo available)
- Dark grey school trousers, with grey/black socks
- Dark grey school skirt or pinafore, with white socks or navy tights
- Black school shoes
- Navy V-neck or round neck jumper (school logo available)
- Navy cardigan (school logo available)



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### Forest School

Woodpeckers will be having **Forest School** every **Thursday**. The children will need to wear **school uniform**, but we ask that you provide a waterproof outer layer and a pair of wellies to change into. These can be left in school on your child's peg, or brought in to school every Thursday.

### Forest School Kit

During your child's allocated Forest School session, they will need a suitable Forest School kit. Although this is dependent on the season and the activity, we would generally recommend the following items:

- Wellies / Outdoor walking boots or shoes
- Waterproof salopettes / waterproof splash-suit / waterproof trousers and jacket
- Warm layers, when required

Please note that these items are likely to get dusty, dirty and sometimes wet, so please ensure they are practical and durable, but not expensive, items.



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### PE Days:

Woodpeckers class will continue to receive specialist PE teaching from Miss Corke. PE will take place outdoors wherever possible and children will, therefore, need to wear their **PE kit to school** every **Monday** and **Thursday**. They will also still need to wear a coat over their PE kit, when coming into school.

Forest school will be every **Thursday**. Please can you provide a raincoat or coat, a pair of wellies, or other appropriate footwear, as we will be outside for Forest School.

### PE Kit:

- Trainers
- Socks
- Shorts/plain jogging bottoms (navy or black)
- Navy Moggerhanger PE T-shirt, or plain white T-shirt/polo shirt
- Plain sweatshirt/hooded top (navy or black)

### Snack:

If you would like your child to have a mid-morning snack, to be eaten during playtime, please could you provide this. We would suggest fruit or cereal bars (please avoid sugary or chocolatey ones). Please also remember **NO NUTS** due to severe nut allergies.

We provide fresh fruit and vegetables during break time everyday.



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### Homework, Spellings and Reading:

Homework will be set on ClassDojo every Monday, and is due the following Monday. You can upload a photo of the completed homework to your child's ClassDojo portfolio. Optional activities are set on Abacus (ActiveLearn) weekly.

**Spellings** will now be set on a **Monday**, alongside the homework, and we will have our spelling test the following Monday. Your child will be provided with a reading book and reading record. Please can we ask that you read with your child at home everyday.

### Rewards:

Woodpeckers have a hot air balloon reward chart, which moves up ten clouds to reach the rainbow. Children can move their balloon up a cloud for displaying positive behaviour, following our class rules, for producing amazing work and much more. Once they are on the rainbow, they can choose from a range of prizes from our special prize box.

Recommended websites (please ensure you supervise the use of the internet at all times)

- <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>
- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>
- <https://classroom.thenational.academy/>
- <https://www.thoughtco.com/ways-to-practice-spelling-words-2086716>



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