

# Woodpeckers Class Newsletter

## Autumn Term 2 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians and Children

We have had a great start to the new academic year, with Woodpeckers settling in exceptionally well and are adapting to our new rules and routines. We have established a safe and happy environment, which the children all enjoy.



Woodpeckers have thoroughly enjoyed our topic of the Great Fire of London, and we were very lucky to have Bedford Fire Service visit Woodpeckers, with their fire engine. We all enjoyed using the hose and meeting the firefighters.

Woodpeckers would like to welcome a new member of staff, our trainee teacher, Miss Duffield, who will be with us until 17<sup>th</sup> December. Miss Duffield has already taught a many great lessons and the children really enjoy learning with her.

Our new topic for Autumn 2 is 'Make Believe', and we will be looking at fairy tales and making houses for the Three Little Pigs. More information about our topic can be found on the next few pages.

We hope you have a wonderful half term holiday.

Kind regards

Miss Aktar, Mrs Carter and Miss Duffield



Woodpeckers Class—Year 1 & 2  
Moggerhanger Primary School



# Curriculum Information

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| <b>Maths</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Handling data and measures</li><li>• Money</li><li>• Place value</li><li>• Calculating, measuring and understanding shapes</li><li>• Securing number facts</li><li>• Calculating and identifying relationships</li><li>• Times tables</li></ul> |
| <b>English</b> | <p>We will be looking at fairy tales, as well as writing letters and recounts. We will have guided reading sessions, comprehension, spellings, grammar, punctuation and daily phonics lessons.</p>  |
| <b>Science</b> | <p>Materials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.</li></ul>  |
| <b>History</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Understand events beyond living memory that are significant nationally or globally (the first aeroplane flight).</li></ul>  |



Woodpeckers Class—Year 1 & 2  
Moggerhanger Primary School



# Curriculum Information

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| <b>Geography</b>       | Name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas.                                     |
| <b>Art and D&amp;T</b> | Develop a wide range of art and design techniques in using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space.<br>Making a house for <i>The Three Little Pigs</i> . |
| <b>Computing</b>       | Digital Literacy: Using a computer   |
| <b>Music</b>           | Use voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes. We will also be practising for our Christmas Production.                       |
| <b>RE</b>              | Why does Christmas matter to Christians? How and why do we celebrate special times?  |
| <b>PSHE and SMSC</b>   | What is bullying?  |
| <b>PE</b>              | Multi Skills   |



Woodpeckers Class—Year 1 & 2  
Moggerhanger Primary School



# General Information



## 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.



Woodpeckers Class—Year 1 & 2  
Moggerhanger Primary School



# General Information

## 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)



Woodpeckers Class—Year 1 & 2  
Moggerhanger Primary School



# General Information

## **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 be set on ClassDojo every Friday, and we will have our spelling test the following Friday. 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>



Woodpeckers Class—Year 1 & 2  
Moggerhanger Primary School

