

Woodpecker Class Newsletter

Autumn 1 2025



Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you had a lovely summer break and are looking forward to an exciting new school year.

We would like to share with you some of the activities happening in Woodpecker this half term.



Woodpecker Class topic



Our topic this half term is 'Living Things and Their Habitats'. We'll be exploring a lot of animals, plants and environments, discovering how living things adapt and survive in different places.

Art - drawing

Computing - E-Safety

R.E - Hinduism.

Well-being and PSHE - activities that encourage us to be mindful, active and supportive of one another.

Food Tech - Whisking

PE - Cycling and Swimming

Music - Hampshire Music Service

PE

Eagles and Woodpeckers will both be swimming weekly on Thursday mornings, starting 11th September. A full letter will follow for this. Our in-school cycling and scooter session will be on a Thursday afternoon and is weather dependent for safety reasons. Bikes and helmets will be provided as usual. Children are welcome to change into PE kits for these sessions, but this is not compulsory.

Reminder

With cooler and wetter weather on the way, please ensure your child has appropriate clothing in school, or a change of clothes in school if appropriate. We have a good selection of wellies in school, but if you can provide a pair of named wellies to be kept in school, that would be helpful for outdoor learning.

The Woodpecker team this year are:

Mr Matt Winterman, Katie Vince, Kate Beale, Sam Morton, Naomi Bowley and Debbie Measures. Julie provides lunchtime support and Mrs Collins provides additional reading support.

Maths



In Maths this term we will focus on counting and place value in our 'number' lessons, with addition and subtraction the focus during 'operation' lessons. Our Friday Maths 'topic' lessons will focus on measures, particularly volume and capacity.

English



In English this term we are focusing on poetry, including calligrams and describing our environment. We will also continue with daily phonics sessions, reading activities and speaking and listening skills.

Important dates

Here are some important school dates coming up to let you know about:

11th September - Swimming starts weekly

29th September - Harvest Celebration

1st October - Inset day

20th October - Diwali Day

29th October - Last day of half term

3rd November - First day of Autumn term two