

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

In RE we will be developing an understanding of kindness linked with the Christian faith through the retelling of bible stories. In Computing we will learn how to program floor turtles, offline and online, through giving instructions. We will also learn how to use the internet safely to play and learn. This will also include how to identify where to go for help and support when the children have concerns about content or contact on the internet or other online technologies. In Science we will be learning about uses of everyday materials. The children will identify and compare the suitability of some everyday materials for particular uses. We will find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed and think about new uses for materials. Planning different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions and controlling variables where necessary will be an important part of our learning. In History, we will be focusing on significant people from the past that have had an effect on British Values and equal rights, starting with Emily Davison and Rosa Parks.



Welcome to Woodpeckers' curriculum page. Throughout terms 1 and 2, our topic will be '**Multicultural Me**' with a focus on developing an awareness of religious tolerance and understanding. Any family members who would like to be involved in sharing experiences of their culture with a class would be very welcome. We have planned a European Day of Languages (25th Sept) and our Harvest Festival (9th Oct). Home learning will be sent home on a Wednesday and needs to be completed and returned on Mondays. PE will be on Tuesday and Thursday so please ensure that PE kits are in school on those days. Don't forget that Good Learning assemblies will now be on Friday afternoon (2.30pm).

Creative Development

In Art, we will be focusing on creating portraits. We will be developing painting and drawing skills. We will also be learning to mix primary colours to make secondary colours and use these to help improve our painting skills. We will also be looking at what happens when we add white or black to a colour. We will also be learning about the work of a range of artists. In DT we will be preparing, weighing, measuring and cooking ingredients. The children can practise these skills on our trip to Pizza Express. We believe that cooking is a crucial life skill that enables children to feed themselves and others now and in later life. In Music we will be learning about sound and beat, followed by performance and pitch. We will create and notate vocal sounds, building to our performance in the Nativity.

Maths

Our main focus in term 1 will be on place value, addition and subtraction and shape. In term 2 the children will continue to learn their tables and develop an understanding of how division and multiplication are linked. They will develop understanding of fractions also. Practising our next steps will help develop quick recall of important number facts. Using our maths learning to solve problems and choosing different mental strategies to find an answer will be an important part of our learning. Mathletics is a wonderful resource to help with your mathematical learning so please use this as often as possible.

English

Throughout terms 1 and 2 we will be improving our grammar and spelling and focussing on developing vocabulary, punctuation and ways of opening and linking sentences. We will be covering different genres including poetry, short stories and information texts. Opportunities to develop speaking and listening skills through drama activities and poetry performances will be included. We will begin by reading a range of stories with familiar settings and planning and writing our own stories based on ones that we have read.

Physical Development

We will have weekly gymnastics lessons in which we will learn how to develop our control when travelling and balancing on and off different apparatus. Also, we will have coaches on Tuesday afternoons teaching us multi skills. In term two, Dance lessons will focus on creating different movements and performing short sequences to our peers.

Personal, Social, Emotional Development

Term 1's unit is 'Our Happy School' and the children will be establishing ground rules and focusing on taking personal responsibility for behaviour and learning with others. In term two, during our 'Out and About' unit we will focus on how to develop responsibility for being safe in various situations.

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