

Woodpeckers



We hope that you have had a happy, restful half term break, and the children are ready for their new half term.

As we previously informed you, we will be focused on a recovery curriculum this half term, and the children will be doing an extra short maths and English session in the afternoon where they will focus on the work from the previous year (March to July). Alongside Maths and English, the children will be taught Science, PSHE, RE and PE. The remaining foundation subjects will be used as a toolkit to support the core subject teaching rather than being the main focus.

The main areas of focus are as follows:

- **Maths:** Our focus will be on addition and subtraction.
- **English:** In English we will be focused on the country of India. We will look at cultural stories, create puppets and write play scripts. We will also be writing poems inspired by India.
- **Science:** We will be looking at food and healthy eating. We will discover different food types and how they help us to grow and stay healthy. We also look at food packaging and what it tells us.
- **PSHE:** We will continue to focus on helping the children to feel safe in school. As well as celebrating difference – see the outline below.
- **RE:** Our topic will focus on the Jewish religion and how festivals and family life show what matters to Jewish People.
- **PE:** The children will participate in outdoor and indoor team building exercises and our gymnastics sessions will focus on patterns and pathways.

Woodpeckers PE days are Monday and Thursday. ***PE kits will go home on Friday to be washed and returned on Monday.***

Homework:

Each week your child will be given Times tables worksheets and spelling worksheets.



You may also wish to login and use Maths with Parents, <https://mathswithparents.com>

Activities will be set in line with learning which has taken place in school. It is a great resource with lots of different activities for the children to do.

Login details for Woodpeckers: class: Woodpeckers class code: 927113

Snacks

In KS2 the children are encouraged to bring a healthy snack of fruit or vegetables for break time.



Christmas

Although we will not be able to do our normal Christmas performances this year, the children will enjoy a range of Christmas activities during the final week of term, including Christmas dinner, Christmas film and a class party.

If you have any concerns, we are always happy to discuss matters that are important to you and your child. Please contact the school office via admin@gbpa.org.uk and we will get back to you as soon as we are able.

The Woodpeckers Team



Year 3: Personal, Social and Health Education lesson outline

1. Families	I understand that everybody's family is different and important to them	I appreciate my family/the people who care for me
2. Family conflict	I understand that differences and conflicts sometimes happen among family members	I know how to calm myself down and can use the 'Solve it together' technique
3. Witness and feelings	I know what it means to be a witness to bullying	I know some ways of helping to make someone who is bullied feel better
4. Witness and solutions	I know that witnesses can make the situation better or worse by what they do	I can problem-solve a bullying situation with others
5. Words that harm	I recognise that some words are used in hurtful ways	I try hard not to use hurtful words (e.g. gay, fat)
6. Celebrating difference: compliments	I can tell you about a time when my words affected someone's feelings and what the consequences were	I can give and receive compliments and know how this feels