



Parent Information Sheet

Class	Woodpeckers – Year 2/3
Classroom Staff	Teacher – Mrs L. Button Mrs R. Hoare - ATA Mrs R. Bond - HLTA Mrs M. Emms - HLTA
Term	Spring Term 2017

Topics to be covered this term

Our topic this term is called "Mighty Metals" therefore we will be focusing on science, and the children will become scientists, engineers and a maker of men (iron men, of course). We will explore the scientific world of forces and magnetism, metals and materials. They will expand their minds as they test and trial, build and move.

In Literacy we will be focusing on consolidating basic skills in reading, writing and speaking and listening. Children will be expected to write in perfect sentences using a variety of punctuation marks and capital letters when required. They will experience writing and reading explanations, descriptions and stories. We are continuing to develop the children's cursive script, therefore we will be practising handwriting on a weekly basis. If children demonstrate a high quality cursive script they will earn themselves a pen and handwriting certificate in our Friday celebration assembly. Each week children will be expected to carry out at least one piece of extended writing which will be used as ongoing assessments.

In Maths, we will start the week with an age appropriate basic maths skills session. This will give the children an opportunity to look at all aspects of maths on a weekly basis. During the rest of the week skills will be taught in daily maths sessions and these may include: number and place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, fractions, decimals and percentages, measure, geometry and statistics.

All other areas of the curriculum will be taught through our topic and will include investigating levers in D&T, planning and designing their own playgrounds, making their own cars/vehicles. Investigating magnets and magnetic materials and carrying on the music theme from last term we will be performing in our own metal music band.

Music lessons will continue this term on Friday afternoons, so please ensure that children have their instruments in school every Friday.

Important things to remember

- **Reading books and Home/School record book must be in school daily.** Please can you record in these books when you have heard your child read or have supported them with their homework.
- **PE kits must be in school every day** – our hall slots are Tuesdays and Thursdays.

- As a class we will visit the school library on a Tuesday but the children will have the opportunity to change their books during other times in the week.
- If you are concerned about anything, please do not hesitate to speak to me either before 8:45am or after school.

How to help your child and their learning

- Ask and discuss with your child what they have learnt at school every day, encourage them to talk in detail.
- Listen to them read their book, little and often and encourage them to read for extended periods of time independently daily.
- Ensure that your child is practising their spellings and key words. Once your child is confident with their spellings, insist that they include them in a sentence both verbally and written. This consolidates your child's understanding of the word.
- Support them with learning their times tables and give challenges in practical situations whilst at home or when you are out and about.
- Encourage your child to be more independent and that they have the correct PE kit in school.

These are the expectations to enhance your child's learning during the year and if you would like some other ideas and support please see our Learning Mentor, Mrs J Portrey-Young.

Please can children bring in a small cardboard box for them to use to make their own wheeled vehicle by Friday 13th January.

On Monday 9th January we are planning the launch of our topic and we will be visiting the Applegarth Park in the afternoon. To make this happen we would appreciate some volunteers to walk with us. We will be leaving at 1:30pm and will be back before 3pm. Please complete the slip below to let us know if you are available to support us with this.

We are looking forward to welcoming you into school later this term so that the children can showcase their learning. Dates will be sent out nearer the time.

Thank you

Mrs L. Button & Mrs R. Hoare

Name of child _____

I am/ am not available to help with the park visit on Monday 9th January 2017.

Signed _____