

Stambridge Primary School

Woodpecker Class - Year 3 and 4

Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term 2024



Dear Parents,

We hope you had an enjoyable Christmas break. If you have any questions then you can speak to Miss Joyce (class teacher), Mrs. Kirby (Curriculum, Learning and Assessment Lead) or Mrs. Loveless (Head of School). We look forward to working closely with you this academic year.

English

In English we will be writing a suspense narrative inspired by "Escape from Pompeii" which tells the story of Tranio and Livia who escape Pompeii when Mount Vesuvius erupts.

Our class text is "Empire's End; a Roman story", the story of a young North African girl who sets out on a danger-filled journey to Britain during Roman times.

Please support your child at home by providing opportunities for them to read to an adult every night and making a comment about their reading in their reading record.

Whilst you are enjoying sharing books at home, please ask them to think about and explain what is happening in the book, what they think might happen next, how the characters are feeling and why they might be feeling that way.

Curriculum Lessons

This term, our topic is, "The Empire Strikes!"

In history, we will be finding out all about the Celtic people who lived in Britain before the Roman invasion, finding out how life changed for them after the Romans arrived. We will be learning about how Britain changed under Roman rule and the many accomplishments of the Roman Empire.

As part of our topic on Romans, we will be making our own Roman mosaics and constructing a Roman temple in our design and technology lessons.

In PSHE, the children will be learning about how to live a healthy lifestyle; both physically and emotionally and in Religious Education lessons, we will be considering how religious groups contribute to society.

Our music topic is glockenspiels, where we look forward to developing our skills! In computing we will be looking at programming.

Maths

In maths, both year groups will be continuing with fractions following on from the autumn term. Later in the term, we will be moving onto division, geometry, money and decimals

Your child has their TTRockstars login to help and support them to develop their times tables knowledge. Children can access this at home and at school.

Regular practise of times tables, using TTRockstars, will help to prepare the children for the Year 4 multiplication check, which takes place for all pupils in registered state-funded maintained schools, special schools or academies, including free schools, in England.

Science

Our topic for the first half-term of the spring term is animals, including humans. Children will be discovering what nutrition different animals require, deepening their knowledge of the different diets in the animal kingdom, the function of the skeleton and how muscles work. Children will also learn to recognise the importance of diet and exercise on our health.

In the second half of the spring term, our topic will be rocks and soils where children will learn how soil is made from rocks and organic matter.

Additional Information

Homework will be set bi-weekly. Children are expected to read at home every day. Please make a comment about their reading in their reading record.

PE will be on a Friday; the children will be doing gymnastics. Children should arrive at school in their PE kit on Friday and will stay in their kits all day.

On Tuesday, we will be going to Waterman Primary School for swimming lessons. Children should wear normal school uniform (not PE kit) and bring their swimming kits to school with them.