



Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear parents/carers,

### Y2 Spring Newsletter

Happy new year to you all! It has been lovely to welcome your children back into the Woodpecker class; they have started 2022 full of energy, curiosity and ready to take on new challenges.

In Spring 1 our theme will be 'Famous People' with a focus on Isambard Kingdom Brunel. We will also be looking at uses of everyday materials in science and exploring different art techniques to create portraits. We will continue with our weekly computing, PSHE, music and PE learning. In computing we will be exploring pictograms and questioning, in PSHE we will be learning how we can keep ourselves safe, in music we will be exploring sounds and beat and in PE we will be developing our dance, gym and dodgeball skills. At the end of Spring 1 we will be learning about the ideas of God in RE.

In Spring 2 our theme will be 'Chocolate' with a focus on comparing life in the UK with life in South America. We will also be looking at plants in science and exploring mechanisms in design and Technology with a focus on wheels and axles. In computing we will be learning to use the Internet more effectively to search for information, in PSHE we will be learning about our rights and responsibilities, in music we will be exploring sounds and performance and in PE we will be developing our tennis skills. At the end of Spring 2 we will be learning about the Easter story in RE.

Over the whole term we will continue with our daily writing, phonics, and maths lessons as well as regular reading in small groups or 1:1 with an adult. Please do continue to listen to your child read regularly at home, and record any home reading in their reading record. Please read with your child at least 4 times each week (including over the weekend) we encourage children at this age to re-read their books to help develop their fluency and word recognition skills. In maths, until Easter, the children will be learning about multiplication and division, statistics; tally charts and pictograms, shapes and learning about fractions of shape and quantities.

Year 2 homework will continue to be half termly, and will include suggested English, maths, and topic activities. The children have really enjoyed sharing their homework in class and we hope this enthusiasm continues for future homework. Later in the term, we also intend to start sending home weekly spellings to practise at home.

This will not involve a spelling test at school, but we do hope to start seeing the children use these correct spellings in their own writing.

We plan to provide your child with some outdoor learning opportunities on Thursday mornings. This will begin on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January. Please send your child to school in outdoor clothing... jeans/jogging bottoms/ anything you do not mind getting muddy. Your child will also need wellies and warm, waterproof outdoor clothing as we will still brave the weather! Your child will need to bring full school uniform in a bag to change into once we come inside. We plan to do some campfire cooking during the term, so please inform us if your child is allergic to anything. Thermal Thursday will include practising different science, physical education, and maths skills as well as many other curriculum areas.

Year 2, PE will be taught on Wednesdays and Thursdays and will be indoors and outdoors, so please provide a PE jumper, joggers and trainers or plimsolls.

Whilst we are going through this very cold spell, please feel free to send your child in with an extra jumper to keep them warm in the classroom. They might also want to wear some under layers under their uniform. We have to ensure that the room is fully ventilated during these Covid times, and the classroom does get quite cold during the day.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to Miss Laxton or Mrs Hawkins.

Best Wishes

Mrs Hawkins and Miss Laxton.