



WELCOME Back WOODPECKERS!



Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We are so pleased to have all the children back for a new school year! We have an extremely exciting term ahead, especially with lots of new children starting with us!



Key Dates

15th Oct- ERF Harvest assembly
21st Oct- Woodpeckers Work Showcase
23rd Oct- House day and break up for half term
17th Dec- ERF Christmas Celebration



Curriculum news

During our 'Survival' topic we will be focussing on how would we survive in the wild? We will explore different environments and climates, thinking about how animals adapt to their surroundings.

English

In our English lessons we will begin 'Drawing Club' sessions, which will really allow our creative sides to develop whilst also encouraging our writing. We will use a quality text to inspire us and create some really interesting sentences or words alongside our drawings.

Phonics/Reading

Some children will be participating in phonics lessons, following on from last year using the Little Wandle scheme. Other groups will continue with our DERIC reading skills lessons, with focus on 'retrieve' and 'interpret.'

Maths

This term we will be looking to build our confidence with core skills through topics such as number, place value, addition and subtraction. The children will continue to build their fluency with this and practise number bonds and times-tables where appropriate.

PE Kits

This year, PE lessons will be on Wednesday afternoons. PE kits will be sent home half termly to be washed. We will also have Yoga on a Tuesday morning with Miss Hirons.

Snacks and drinks

Your child should come into school with a named water bottle that contains water not juice. Children can bring their own snack in for the morning as well. Please ensure this is a healthy snack.

Uniform

The weather will soon start to deteriorate (it is England after all!) so can we please remind parents that children must wear appropriate footwear to school. Please also make sure children have a coat. The school uniform colours are burgundy jumper/cardigan and a mustard/yellow polo shirt. To avoid belongings going missing can you please ensure all clothing and belongings such as lunch boxes are labelled clearly.

Reading

We are really encouraging our children to be fluent and competent readers. In school we aim to read with each child daily and it would be hugely beneficial for the children to share their reading with you at home. Whether this be a book you share together at bed time or their school reading book it is entirely up to you- just make sure you record any reading you do with your child in their home-school diary.

Class Dojo



Please continue to use Class Dojo to send us messages regarding general day to day communication messages. However, please don't message via Dojo about any absences, illnesses, urgent or serious matters as we can't guarantee we will see it immediately. Please allow 48 hours for a response on either platform.

Meet the Woodpeckers team!



Mrs Patterson



Mrs Farrell



Miss Walker



Miss Miller