



Woodpeckers Newsletter—Autumn 1

Welcome back to a new school year in Year 3 at Houldsworth Valley Primary Academy.

Woodpeckers have made an excellent start to the new term. It has been lovely seeing how enthusiastically the class have settled into their learning and their excitement over our creative themed week when they came back to school.

Our Topic for the Autumn Term is Ancient Greece which will see the children learning with a History and Geography focus. Within our topic sessions, children will be exploring the different aspects of Ancient Greek life such as the Ancient Greek Empire, democracy in Athens, the birth of the Olympics and delving into Greek myths. We are sure that the children will find this an interesting and enjoyable learning topic and encourage any further research and discoveries which the children learn at home to be shared with the class at school.

A snapshot of our learning in all curriculum subjects this half term:

Maths - Number sense and exploring calculation strategies have been our focus and will be followed by place value up to 1,000, money and graphs.

Success for all – All the children are enjoying their SfA English sessions and the texts and writing they are working on.

Science – The children are becoming experts in living things and their habitats. We are looking at the life processes of a living things and exploring habitats in our local environment.

Computing – Children have been exploring the importance of online safety. All children have signed an online safety agreement decided upon as a class.

French – Mrs Lennon has introduced French to Woodpeckers. They are learning to greet each other and will also begin to learn their numbers and colours.

Music – The children are learning about Animal Magic by exploring descriptive sounds and rhythmic patterns.

P.E – This half term focuses on gymnastics and dance. Next half term will be studying some performing arts.



P.E

Children need to make sure they have their P.E kits in school every Friday. Please ensure that your children's clothes are clearly labelled so any lost property can get back to the right places. The children will also be swimming on Friday mornings and will need a named bag with their costume/trunks, hat, towel and goggles if preferred. We will be walking so please ensure your child has a waterproof coat and shoes in school too.

Personal Organisers

Every child in key stage two has received a personal organiser. The children are expected to bring these into school every day and take them home every evening. The cost of a replacement will be £4.00. These can be used to share any key messages. When you hear your child read at home, please let us know by a short comment in the reading section, regular reading at home is extremely important to their development in all areas of their learning.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a labelled water bottle in school with them every day so they can stay hydrated throughout the day and able to focus on their learning.

Homework

Children will receive homework on a Friday and this is expected to be returned on a Wednesday.

Thank you for all of your ongoing support. Please do not hesitate to come and speak to me if you have any questions about your child's learning or their wellbeing.

Kind Regards,

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Woodpeckers Class Teach-