

### Woodpeckers' Class information:

#### P.E.

Our P.E afternoons will be **Mondays and Thursdays** this term. Please can children come in wearing their PE kit; remember you may need a tracksuit to keep warm in case we are able to go outside.

#### Homework:

Please listen to your child read 4 times a week and write in the reading diaries. Please bring reading books back to school every day.

Children should continue to with their times tables practice, using Times Tables Rockstars, using the login in their reading record.

### Our school website address is:

<https://www.plumpton.e-sussex.sch.uk/web>

The link to Google Classrooms can be found on the website or you can visit <https://classroom.google.com/>

### Things you could try at home to enrich this term's project:

- Cook some Greek food.
- Research about the Ancient Greeks and Flight.
- Read some of the Ancient Greek Myths and create a piece of artwork inspired by them.
- Visit Shoreham Airport.
- Research the airports that are near to our locality.
- Play competitive games outdoors

### Key Dates:

Tuesday 13th September—Chartwells Healthy Eating Workshop

Wednesday 14th September—Woodpeckers Class Meet

Friday 16th September—Forest School For Year 1 begins

W/C Monday 26th September—NSPCC workshops

Tuesday 4th October—Harvest Festival—see letter for information

Wednesday 5th October—Brighton Toy Museum Workshop (in school) TBC

W/C Monday 17th October—Parent Consultations—info to follow

Wednesday 19th October—Flu Vaccinations (Whole School)

Thursday 20th October—last day of term for children

Friday 21st October—INSET day—no school for pupils

Monday 31st October —First day back of Term 2

Friday 16th December—Last day of Term 2

# Welcome to Woodpecker Class.

## Curriculum Information

### History

Discover: Ancestors.  
Ancient Greeks and Flight  
Term 1 and 2



Teacher: Miss Daley  
Teaching Assistant: Miss Taplin

## ENGLISH

In term 1 and 2 we will be studying texts that are linked to our Ancestors, the Ancient Greeks and Flight and considering the question 'Should we always do as we are told?'. We will read a wide range of texts - fiction and non-fiction to practise reading for different purposes and to identify themes and conventions within these texts. These texts will form the basis and inspiration for our writing and be used to extend vocabulary. Our main texts will be 'Theseus and the Minotaur' and 'The Adventures of Odysseus' by Hugh Lupton and Daniel Morden. Our writing focus will include writing a narrative (myth), historical research and analysis. We will focus on specific grammar and punctuation, such as simple, compound and complex sentences, fronted adverbials and paragraphing. We will practise spelling in class and focus on different spelling rules each week. Children's understanding of grammar, punctuation and vocabulary will be developed throughout the year during all topics and handwriting will be practised frequently.

## HISTORY

Our focus for terms 1 and 2 will be following an historical enquiry. We will be historical detectives, discovering information about the Ancient Greeks and Flight. We will be studying a variety of primary and secondary sources to support our research. Some of the topics that we will be studying include the Trojan Wars, building of Parthenon, the first Olympic games, Ancient Greek city states, gods and goddesses, schools and the legacy of the Ancient Greeks. We will also be researching a timeline of flight. For example, Montgolfier Brothers, Wright Brothers, Amelia Earhart, Concorde, Neil Armstrong, Helen Sharman and Tim Peake.

## R.E.

In RE, we will be learning about Christians, who believe that God created the world in seven days. In term 2, the topic is 'What is it like to follow God?' and we will read stories such as Noah's Ark to explore this question.

## ART & DT

As part of our Art and DT projects we will be drawing images inspired by the Ancient Greek Myths, sketching in the style of other artists, creating our own Trojan horses and later in term 2 creating our own models of flight. As part of our DT Cookery sessions, we will be making hot chocolate. Yumm! 😊

## FRENCH

Our theme in French will be 'All About Me' in term 1, in which we will learn basic greetings, colours, numbers and commands. We will learn that all nouns have gender. We will focus on recognising and using the correct pronunciation of key vocabulary.

## Our Project is:

**History**

**Discover:**

**Ancestors.**

**Concepts:**

**Democracy,**

**Equality, Legacy,**

**and Influence.**

**The Big Questions:**

**'Should we always  
do as we are told?'**

## SCIENCE

In the first term, we will learn about forces. We will investigate how objects are pushed and pulled by different forces. We will learn about magnets, the materials they are made of and their strengths. We will discover more about magnetic poles and how they work in compasses. We will also study 'light' and we will recognise that we need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light. We will also notice that light is reflected from surfaces, recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous and understand that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by an opaque object.

## COMPUTING

Our first computing unit is about e-safety. We will be learning how to stay safe online by finding out more about privacy settings, online conversations, connecting with others and digital literacy. We will also continue to develop our coding skills on Purple Mash.

## MATHEMATICS

In maths we will be developing a solid understanding of number and place value and exploring various techniques to add, subtract, multiply and divide, both mentally and using a formal written method. We will be investigating negative numbers, number lines, Roman Numerals, rounding, ordering and comparing numbers, estimating and applying this knowledge to real life situations. The children will also be developing their ability to reason with and solve problems involving number and place value. We will focus on the place value of numbers up to and beyond 1,000. We will continue to practise our times tables using Times Table Rock Stars. Children will also be encouraged learn their times tables at home.

## P.E.

In P.E. on Mondays, the children will have sessions with SportsCool to develop their ability to use a variety of passes, attacking and defending skills and putting them into use in competitive games. We will practise these and other games during our extra PE session on a Thursday.

## PHONICS

We will be continuing to develop our knowledge of phonetic sounds using graphemes, segmenting, blending and reading stories. This learning will continue in our daily phonics lessons as well as being applied to our daily reading and writing in order to further develop these skills.

## P.S.H.E

In P.S.H.E we will be exploring the big question 'Should we always do as we are told?' as well as the topics 'Being me in the world' and 'Celebrating differences'. The children will be using group discussions, games and role-play techniques to develop their awareness of themselves, others and the world around them.

## MUSIC

In Music, Dance and Drama, children will work initially to prepare a musical piece for our Harvest performance. After the half term break, we are fortunate enough to have Ms Berry back, who will work with the children on our Christmas performance.