

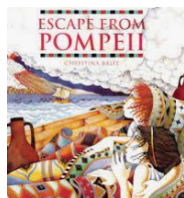


Woodpecker Class Curriculum Overview — Term 1 and 2

English—

In English we will be looking at the text 'Escape From Pompeii' written by Christina Baslit. We will identify the structure of the text and use it to help write our own narratives, focusing on the theme of escape. We will be ensuring our sentence construction is accurate and will try not to miss any full stops or capital letters!

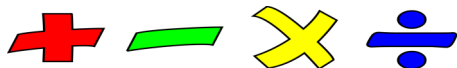
We will then be moving onto 'Look Up!' by Nathan Bryon, which follows a small girl who always looking up at the sky planning for the day when she will become an 'astronaut, star-catcher, space-traveller' like African-American astronaut Mae Jemison. This will tie-in with our Black History Month celebrations.



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Maths—

Our main focus at the beginning of Term 1 will be place value and understanding number. The children will be representing numbers to 100/1000 using objects and pictorial representations. To ensure a deeper understanding of number, children will also be solving simple reasoning problems around place value. We will then progress to addition and subtraction. The children will be learning written methods of addition and subtraction and looking at the relationship between addition and subtraction.



FRENCH -

In French, we will be learning all about ourselves. We will be starting off with classroom instructions learning to understand and follow them, then learning the names of the parts of the body, identifying colours and saying what we are wearing.

MUSIC -

We will be taking part in weekly music and drama sessions with Ms Berry and preparing for performances such as Harvest festival.

RE—

In RE, we will be learning about The Gospels and we will learn about the People of God. We will also be thinking about what Christmas means to Christians in Term 2.

Art -

For Art this term we will be exploring mosaics from Roman times. We will experiment with different mediums to copy historical mosaics and explore designing and making their own.

DISCOVER: Conflict



Science—

In Science we are learning all about forces, friction and magnetic attraction. The children will work scientifically and collaboratively to investigate friction, by exploring the movement of a toy car over different surfaces. They will work in a hands on way to identify magnetic materials. The children will have chance to explore the way magnetic poles can attract and repel in an exciting activity. The children will use their understanding of magnetic attraction to design and create their own magnetic game.

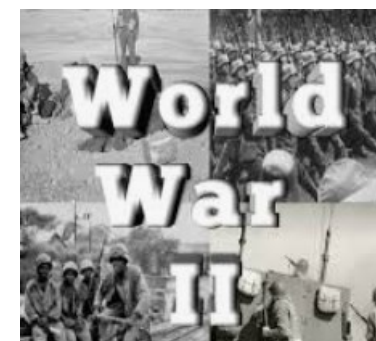
PE—

Woodpeckers will have a weekly PE session on Mondays, please remember to come to school wearing your PE kit. This term the P.E. focus is Multi-Skills and Team Games. We will begin everyday with a daily mile. Woodpeckers will be aiming to run the equivalent distance to Rome!



PROJECT: DISCOVER: HISTORY FOCUS—The Romans

This terms focus is Conflict. We will begin by looking back in history to the Roman Empire to learn about the Roman invasion of Britain. Then move onto another historic conflict, WW2. We will use the enquiry question: 'How does conflict change the world?' to guide our learning and use the concepts of conflict, strength, and forgiveness to develop our understanding.



Computing—

In Computing, we will be focusing on Online Safety in Term 1. We will be learning about digital footprints, how to search safely online and discussing appropriate content and age ratings.



Woodpecker Class information:

Reading Diaries:

Please listen to your children read at home as often as possible. We recommend at least 4 times a week. Children are encouraged to move their names up the class reading ladder that is displayed in class each time that they read. All children that read at home at least 4 times per week will be contributing to the classes 'reading star thermometer' so please remember to record in the reading record every time your child reads at home.

You can also support your child at home by:

- A) Logging onto TT Rockstars and/or Numbots (Usernames and Passwords are the same for both), or recalling times-tables and number facts in other ways such as songs and games.
- B) Supporting your child to complete the Google Classroom any home learning tasks that maybe set.

Our school website address is:

www.plumpton.e-sussex.sch.uk

PE: PE will be on Mondays this term. Children need to come to school in their PE kit on Mondays, and will wear it all day.

Key Dates:

Wednesday 29th September—Mrs Williams Maths workshop for parents *More info to follow*

Tuesday 5th October—Harvest performances

Thursday 7th October—STEM day

Wednesday 15th September—Woodpecker Class Meet

Tuesday 12th October—Trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace (Info to follow)

W/c 18th October—Parent Consultation Meetings

Thursday 21st October—last day of term for children

Friday 22nd October—INSET day—no school for pupils

Monday 1st November—INSET day—no school for pupils

Tuesday 2nd November—First day back of Term 2

Friday 17th December—Last day of Term 2

Kind Regards,

Mrs Williams and Miss Newnham

Term One and Two topic:

DISCOVER: Conflict THE ROMANS and WW2



Year 2/3 Parents' Information