



Woodpecker Class Curriculum Letter – Spring Term 2019.

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Dear Parents

Welcome Back and Happy New Year!

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and would like to thank you for all the lovely Christmas cards, gifts and messages we received at the end of last term.



Curriculum

Our topic in terms 3 and 4 is “Fire”. Term 3 will focus on Geography with a look at Australia with the story *Wombat Goes Walkabout* by Michael Morpurgo as the initial stimulus. This is a beautiful book about how “Wombat” copes with a terrifying bush fire. In term 4 the theme will follow an historical focus and we will be learning all about the Great Fire of London. A special, hands on, history day with the group “History Off the Page” has been booked. Further details of this day will follow soon and more information about the theme is outlined in the Topic Web attached.

If you have anything that you think may be of interest to our studies then please let us know.

Reading

In Woodpecker Class we like to give a little more responsibility to the children to change and choose their reading books for home, so we encourage them to follow this routine for changing books:

- 1. Select a new book from the correct colour band an opportunity for this is given every day after lunch.*
- 2. New books should be recorded in the reading record book kept in your child’s book bag.*
- 3. Please write the date, title, add brief comment (including page number) and initial, after listening to your child read in the home school booklet. **Please also feel free to add information and comments about any other books from home or the library that you have been sharing together.***

*Please note that children do not have to change their book every day but we do expect as part of their homework that children read aloud for about 15 minutes every day **if possible.***

Project Work

Please find attached a Home Learning grid detailing suggested activities that you may wish to complete at home. Once these are complete please bring in to school where we can celebrate and enjoy the children's work. We ask that children complete one piece of home learning from this grid a term.

Math's home learning will be Mathletics and practicing Math's passports every week.

PE Kit Reminder

PE kits need to be in school **every day**. Please check that your child has the correct, **labelled** kit in school (i.e. navy shorts, white t-shirt, daps and socks). For outdoor PE children will need suitable footwear and black or navy tracksuit/jogging trousers.

Helping in school

We really welcome offers of help in the classroom, particularly in the afternoons and to listen to children read or to help and supervise their use of the computers. If you think you can spare half an hour or more then please come and talk with us. Also there are other jobs such as gardening or tidying/organising the library that you may wish to volunteer for.

If there is ever anything related to your child's learning in Woodpecker class you wish to ask or talk about, please do not hesitate to come into school to speak to one of us.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support as we look forward to another exciting and busy term!

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